RELATING TO THE CREATION OF THE KENTUCKY COMPLETE COUNT TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, under 13 U.S.C. § 141, the next United States Census will be conducted as of April 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Census will provide the official count of Kentucky’s population; and

WHEREAS, a complete and accurate count of Kentucky’s population is vitally important because it will be used to determine the number of seats in the United States House of Representatives apportioned to Kentucky, the allocation of federal funds to Kentucky, and the redistricting of Kentucky’s state and local legislative bodies; and

WHEREAS, the Census requires years of planning and requires thousands of temporary workers; and

WHEREAS, the United States Census Bureau recommends that each state create a Complete Count Task Force with the goals of heightening awareness about the 2020 Census and its importance and encouraging the populace to participate in the Census; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Kentucky is committed to ensuring an accurate count of its citizens in the 2020 Census:

NOW, THEREFORE, I Matthew G. Bevin, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Kentucky Constitution, Sections 69 and 81, and KRS 12.029, do hereby Order and Direct the following:

I. The Kentucky Complete Count Task Force (“Task Force”) is hereby created and established as an advisory body of state government.

II. The Task Force shall be attached to the Governor’s Office for administrative purposes.
III. The Task Force shall act in an advisory capacity to the Governor and shall fulfill the following objectives:

a. Develop an action plan to identify areas or groups within the Commonwealth that are isolated geographically, linguistically, racially, culturally, or otherwise may be difficult to enumerate encourage;

b. Develop plans and strategies to overcome the difficulties in enumerating the aforementioned areas or groups and encourage maximum participation in the 2020 Census within such areas or groups;

c. Develop plans and strategies to raise the public’s awareness of the 2020 Census and the importance of responding to the census questionnaire; and

d. Develop any other plans and strategies that might be helpful in ensuring maximum participation in the 2020 Census by Kentucky citizens.

IV. The Task Force shall consist of sixteen (16) members, with the Executive Director of the Governor’s Office of Constituent Services, or his designee, the Secretary of the Governor’s Executive Cabinet, or his designee, the Secretary of the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet, or his designee, the Executive Director of the Kentucky Commission on Military Affairs, or his designee, the Executive Director of the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security, or his designee, the Lieutenant Governor, or her designee, the President of the Senate, or his designee, the Minority Leader of the Senate, or his designee, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, or his designee, and the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, or his designee, all serving in ex officio capacities, along with the following six (6) members appointed by the Governor:

a. One (1) representative of a statewide association of local or county governments;

b. One (1) representative of universities;

c. One (1) representative of a private sector employer;

d. One (1) representative of the Kentucky Farm Bureau or an association representing rural interests;

e. One (1) representative of a philanthropic organization;

f. One (1) representative of a county or municipal government; and
V. The Task Force shall be chaired by the Executive Director of the Governor’s Office of Constituent Services.

VI. The Task Force shall meet upon the call of the Chair.

VII. The Task Force shall consult with the United States Census Bureau regarding the fulfillment of its objectives when and as the Chair determines to be appropriate.

VIII. The Chair may create subcommittees or working groups of the Task Force and may appoint members of the Task Force to such subcommittees or working groups for the purpose of helping the Task Force better achieve its objectives with respect to discrete issues or geographic areas.

IX. The Task Force shall receive staff support, as needed, from the Governor’s Office.

X. The Task Force may, as appropriate, make inquiries, conduct studies or investigations, hold hearings, and consult with or solicit input from any experts or other individuals whose knowledge or input might assist the Task Force in fulfilling its objectives.

XI. The Task Force shall meet at least quarterly, and as often as required to fulfill its objectives.

XII. Members of the task force shall not be compensated, but shall be reimbursed for their necessary travel expenses of attending meetings of the Task Force or any subcommittee or working group thereof.

XIII. The Task Force shall provide quarterly reports to the Governor regarding its activities beginning on July 1, 2018.

XIV. The Task Force shall, no later than April 1, 2020, submit a final report to the Governor summarizing its activities and setting forth its recommended plans and strategies for maximizing the participation of Kentucky’s citizens in the 2020 Census.

XV. The Task Force shall cease to exist following the submission of its final report to the Governor.

XVI. All cabinets, departments, commissions, boards, offices, and other agencies of state government, and any political subdivision thereof, are authorized and directed to assist and cooperate with the Task Force in implementing the provisions of this Order.
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MATTHEW G. BEVIN, Governor
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