## Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** the next Decennial Census will be taken in the year 2020 and political representation to the United States House of Representatives, state legislatures and local governments is determined by the Census, and

**WHEREAS,** an accurate census count is vital to our community and the well-being of residents by helping local governments plan for the future, determine emergency preparedness and public safety needs, plan for transportation and public facilities, and implement programs and services; and

**WHEREAS,** census data is used by businesses in deciding where to expand and build, stimulating economic growth and increased employment opportunities in our community, while residents use census data to support community initiatives, quality of life issues and consumer advocacy; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 600 billion dollars per year in federal and state funding is allocated to states and communities, based upon census data; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma recognizes the importance and value of counting each and every resident in the 2020 Census; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma will encourage participation in the 2020 Census by raising awareness and disseminating information to the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma will collaborate with groups in the community and organize a Complete Count Committee to educate and motivate residents to complete the 2020 Census form; and

**NOW THEREFORE,** I, Craig Thurmond, Mayor of City of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim full support of the 2020 Census and agree to assist the U.S. Census Bureau in ensuring a full and accurate count in 2020.

*In Witness Whereof,* I have subscribed my name and caused the official seal of the (city or county), Oklahoma to be affixed this 2nd day of April, 2019.