

Whereas, an accurate census count is vital to our community and residents' well-being by helping planners determine where to locate schools, day-care centers, roads and public transportation, hospitals and other facilities; and is used to make decisions concerning business growth and housing needs; and,

Whereas, more than \$300 billion per year in federal and state funding is allocated to states and communities based on census data; and,

Whereas, census data ensures fair Congressional representation by determining how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives as well as the redistricting of state legislatures, county, and city council and voting districts; and,

Whereas, the 2010 Census creates jobs that stimulate economic growth and increase employment opportunities in our community.

Now, Therefore, Let It Be Known That:



City of Abilene, Texas Proclamation

I, Norm Archibald, by the virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Abilene, Texas, do hereby proclaim that the City of Abilene is committed to partnering with the U. S. Census Bureau to help ensure a full and accurate count in 2010 and encourage all citizens to participate in the 2010 Census count.

In testimony whereof, witness my hand and the Seal of the City of Abilene this the 4th day of December 2008.



Norm Archibald
Norm Archibald, Mayor