

National Federation of Democratic Women
Resolution on 2020 Census for an Accurate Count

WHEREAS, the U.S. Commerce Department has announced that it will add a question about citizenship to the 2020 Census. There were no public hearings or debates, and this partisan political move will have a negative impact on collecting accurate data on the true number of people living in our country; and

WHEREAS, the 14th Amendment of the United States Constitution mandates an accurate count of all people living in the United States regardless of race, citizenship or legal status. For more than 200 years, a decennial census has collected information about the geographic distribution of our population so that equal representation is provided and investment in our communities is equitable; and without a complete count of our nation's people, businesses will not have the tools to make sound investment decisions that keep our communities thriving; and

WHEREAS, non-citizens are an integral part of our economy and need to be included in the 2020 Census to record complete documentation of our great country. Likewise, all citizens deserve to also be counted correctly.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the National Federation of Democratic Women opposes the addition of a citizenship question to the 2020 Census and calls upon the U. S. Commerce Department, the US Congress and all state governors and legislators to demand removal of the citizenship question, and further calls upon all officials to demand an accurate decennial count of all persons residing within the United States of America.