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The 2010 Census: It's in our Hands!

Michigan City, IN -- Mayor Chuck Oberlie issued a statement today urging all Michigan City residents to participate in the 2010 Census:

“The U.S. Constitution requires a census to be taken every ten (10) years and the 2010 Census form is due to arrive in everyone’s mailbox on or around March 15-17, 2010. Census data is used for many critical activities that directly impact our lives including the distribution of Federal funding to the State of Indiana and to reapportion the U.S. House of Representatives.

More importantly, census data is critical in day-to-day planning activities for both local governments and private entities in determining, for example, locations for new hospitals, improving schools, building new roads, expanding public transportation options and creating new maps for emergency responders.”

The State of Indiana has calculated that for each person counted, approximately \$826 per person, per year of Federal distributions is realized.

Mayor Oberlie added, “The 2010 Census questionnaire has been designed to be one of the shortest census forms in history, with 10 questions that should take about 10 minutes to complete. I encourage all citizens to check on their elderly family members and neighbors to ensure that they have received and then completed their Census forms. You may also call my office at (219) 873-1400 if you have any questions.”

Additional information and a sample of the Census form can be viewed at the following website: www.macog.com and click on the Census logo.

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