



DOLORES SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-4A  
IN THE COUNTY OF MONTEZUMA  
STATE OF COLORADO

**Resolution Affirming the Importance of the 2020 Census for the Dolores Schools**

*WHEREAS*, the decennial Census occurs every ten years to enumerate every person residing in the United States, and is fundamental to ensuring that all residents of our great city have access to fair representation, educational services, and economic development; and

*WHEREAS*, an accurate count of persons living in the town of Dolores and county of Montezuma in the 2020 Census is vital to determine the representation of individuals, families, and communities in our local, state, and federal governments; and

*WHEREAS*, the 2020 Census count of children living in the Dolores RE-4A district will be the basis of federal education funding allocated to our schools over the next ten years, specifically the federal programs serving our students living in poverty and students with disabilities; and

*WHEREAS*, population data derived in the 2020 Census will be used by both government and businesses to determine which neighborhoods and communities in the town of Dolores and county of Montezuma should receive services and investments like libraries, health clinics, and grocery and retail stores; and

*WHEREAS*, the decennial Census has historically undercounted populations in rural areas such as ours; and

*WHEREAS*, the populations that are prevalent in rural areas like the county of Montezuma are at high risk of being under-counted, including young children, people of color, low-income households, language minority families, foreign-born residents, and households with limited Internet access, according to the U.S. Census Bureau; and

*WHEREAS*, children are more likely to be missed in the Census count if they reside in the diverse areas, such as multi-generation households, extended families, and multi-family households; and

*WHEREAS*, during the 2020 Census, there is a heightened risk of an undercount due to the digital divide, language access issues, and local community mistrust in the federal government; and


*WHEREAS*, local and state governments, as well as community-based organizations, can play a critical role in counteracting the undercount risks, reaching hard-to-count populations, and ensuring their communities get counted in 2020; and

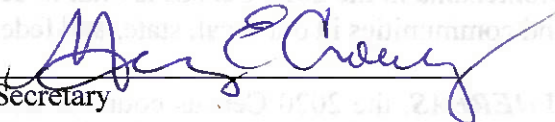
**WHEREAS**, it is paramount for the school board, superintendent, principals, teachers, parent organizations, and all local leaders in Dolores RE-4A Schools to communicate the importance of Census 2020 to families and community members to ensure everyone is counted;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Dolores RE-4A Schools will take action to ensure a complete count of all students and their families residing within the school district on the 2020 Census; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, Dolores RE-4A Schools is committed to working in partnership with other local civic, business, and community leaders, the State of Colorado, and others to engage, educate, and count every resident in the town of Dolores and county of Montezuma in the 2020 Census.

Approved this 16<sup>th</sup> day of January 2020.

  
Board President

  
Secretary