RESOLUTION NO. <u>32-2019</u>

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, SUPPORTING THE COMPLETE CENSUS COUNT FOR THE 2020 DECENNIAL CENSUS AND ESTABLISHING A COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEE.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Census Bureau is required by the U.S. Constitution to conduct a count of the population, and participation in the census process provides a historic opportunity to help shape the foundation of our society and play an active role in American democracy; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mesquite is committed to ensuring every resident is counted; and

WHEREAS, federal and state funding is allocated to communities, and decisions are made on matters of national and local importance based, in part, on census data and housing; and

WHEREAS, census data helps determine how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives and is necessary for an accurate and fair redistricting of state legislative seats, county and city governing bodies and voting districts; and

WHEREAS, information from the 2020 Census and American Community Survey are vital tools for economic development and increased employment initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the City Council supports the establishment of a Complete Count Committee, comprised of citizens and community leaders, which will educate the public about participating in the census and provide opportunities for citizens to complete the census forms.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS:

<u>SECTION 1.</u> That the City Council supports the goals and ideals for the 2020 Census and will disseminate 2020 Census information.

<u>SECTION 2.</u> That the City Council supports the establishment of a Complete Count Committee which will educate the public about participating in the census and provide opportunities for citizens to complete the census forms.

<u>SECTION 3.</u> That the City Council encourages all City residents to participate in events and initiatives that will raise the overall awareness of the 2020 Census and increase participation.

<u>SECTION 4</u>. That the City Council encourages Census advocates to speak to City and community organizations.

<u>SECTION 5.</u> That the City Council supports census takers as they help our City complete an accurate count.

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<u>SECTION 6</u>. That the City Council strives to achieve a complete and accurate count of all persons within our borders.

DULY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 6th day of May 2019.

Stan Pickett Mayor

ATTEST:

Sonja Land City Secretary

APPROVED:

David L. Paschall City Attorney