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**FORSYTH COUNTY PARTNERS WITH GEORGIA COMPLETE  
COUNT COMMITTEE TO ACHIEVE A COMPLETE AND  
ACCURATE COUNT FOR THE 2010 CENSUS**

*Citizens encouraged to participate in 2010 Census*

**FORSYTHCOUNTY, Georgia** – At their March 4 meeting, the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners adopted a Proclamation declaring March 8-14, 2010, as Georgia Census Week. The Proclamation also outlined the county’s partnership with the Georgia Complete Count Committee to achieve a complete and accurate count of the Georgia population in 2010. The partnership is part of a larger effort by the Georgia Complete Count Committee to increase participation in the 2010 Census.

“We are dedicated to ensuring everyone understands the importance of participating in the 2010 Census,” Commission Chairman Charles Laughinghouse said. “We are excited to partner on this exciting initiative and to helping increase overall participation in 2010.”

Forsyth County encourages everyone to complete and mail back their 2010 Census forms. Every year, the federal government distributes more than \$400 billion to state, local and tribal governments based on census data. Leaders use this data to guide planning decisions on where to build new roads, hospitals, child care and senior centers, schools and more. Data also determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives.

“With the help of our 2010 Census partners, we have a far greater chance of reaching everyone in Georgia, than if we were to attempt this monumental task alone,” Debra Lyons, director of the Governor’s Office of Workforce Development and co-chair of Georgia’s Complete Count Committee said.

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Commissioner Mike Beatty of the Georgia Department of Community Affairs and co-chair of the CCC added, “Through their unique roles in their individual communities, elected officials can help deliver the 2010 Census message to every corner of Georgia.”

Census forms will be delivered or mailed to households in March 2010. Households should complete and mail back their forms upon receipt. Census workers will visit households that do not return forms to take a count in person.

Information shared with the Census Bureau is completely confidential. By law, the Census Bureau cannot share respondents’ answers with anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement entities.

For more information about the 2010 Census, visit [2010census.gov](http://2010census.gov).

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