

Proclamation

CENSUS AWARENESS WEEK

WHEREAS, Article I, Section II of the United States Constitution mandates that a census of the United States population be conducted every ten years, with the next census scheduled to be conducted on April 1, 2010; and

WHEREAS, The 2010 United States Census will be the City of Milton's first national Census since incorporation, and an accurate count of the population is critical to the fair and equitable distribution of community services and approximately \$400 billion in federal funds to local, state and tribal governments each year; and

WHEREAS, Census data guide local decision-makers in important community planning efforts, including where to build new roads, hospitals, and schools; and it determines how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives as well as the redistributing of state legislatures, county and city councils, and voting districts; and

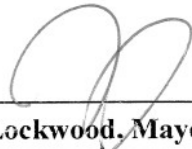
WHEREAS, The Georgia General Assembly passed Resolution #914 in both the House and the Senate declaring the week of March 8, 2010, through March 14, 2010, as Georgia Census Week, in order to build support and awareness throughout the state, and urging the residents of Georgia to participate completely in the United States 2010 Census to provide an accurate count of the population of Georgia in the 2010 decennial census; and

WHEREAS, The City of Milton recognizes the importance of the United States Census and its role in gathering the data used to maintain the levels of service essential to the quality of life of Milton's residents, therefore we encourage our citizens to complete and return the census questionnaire, to ensure a complete count of Milton's residents; and

NOW, THEREFORE, we the Mayor and City Council of the City of Milton, in accord with the State of Georgia, hereby dedicate and proclaim the week of March 8, 2010, through March 14, 2010, as *CENSUS AWARENESS WEEK* in the City of Milton and urge all citizens to complete and return the United States 2010 Census questionnaire by April 1, 2010.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the City of Milton, Georgia on this 1st day of March, 2010.





Joe Lockwood, Mayor