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Johnson County is first county in Kansas to proclaim partnership with the United States Census Bureau for the 2020 Census

JOHNSON COUNTY, Kan. — Today, Johnson County became the first county in Kansas to proclaim its partnership with the U.S. Census Bureau for the 2020 Census. Board of County Commissioners Chairman Ed Eilert presented a proclamation at today's business session.

Article I, Section 2 of the Constitution mandates a census take place every 10 years. The data collected determines a state's number of seats in the U.S. House of Representatives and determines how billions of [dollars in](#) federal funds are dispersed to local communities.

Alan E. Organ, M.D., PhD, Census Bureau Partnership Specialist accepted the proclamation today. He spoke about the importance of participation in the census.

"For every household that doesn't get counted, we lose \$39,000 over a ten year period, that could have been used for maintaining roads, funding for Medicare and other important federal funding uses," said Dr. Organ.

Johnson County is coordinating with local stakeholders to develop a Complete Count Committee to help educate the community on the necessity of participating in the census. More information on the 2020 Census is [available here](#).

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