

# NATIVES COUNT 2020!



## ■ CENSUS DAY FOR MOST AMERICANS IS ONE YEAR AWAY, ON APRIL 1ST.

On April 1, 2020, the U.S. Census Bureau will conduct a count of all people living in the United States and the Tribal Nations in the United States.

## ■ THE FIRST AMERICANS WILL BE THE FIRST COUNTED BEGINNING IN JANUARY 2020.

Alaska Natives will be the first counted, beginning with the Nunakauyarmiut Tribe (*formerly known as the Native Village of Toksook Bay*) in Alaska. The 2020 Census is being taken in Alaska earlier than elsewhere because many villages are in remote areas and residents often leave their communities in April for subsistence fishing and hunting and warm-weather jobs.

## ■ NATIVES NEED TO BE COUNTED TO SECURE FEDERAL DOLLARS.

About \$600 billion in federal funding is distributed annually based on population counts obtained by federal agencies.

### – Each person counted equals \$3,000 in funding for your community.

A 2000 study determined that undercounting the largest counties in the 2000 Census cost those communities nearly \$3,000 per person.

### – Dollars that impact Tribal communities are lost if you are not counted.

In 2016, federal funding disbursed based on people counted in Census surveys included \$361 billion for Medicaid, \$40 billion for roads, and about \$37 billion in programs for families and children including TANF, CHIP, and WIC.

## ■ NATIVES NEED TO BE COUNTED TO PROTECT TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY.

The Census count is used to determine voting boundaries to elect officials in non-Tribal elections. You need to be counted to have an equal voice to elect candidates who will respect Tribal sovereignty, preserve your culture, and fairly allocate resources to Indian Country.

## ■ NATIVES NEED TO BE COUNTED TO PRESERVE THEIR LANGUAGES.

Census data is used to require non-Tribal governments in many areas to provide assistance in American Indian and Alaska Native languages for voting, social programs, and emergency services.

## ■ WHAT CAN YOU DO?

There are many ways you can make a difference in making Natives Count in 2020.

### – Apply to be a Census taker.

The U.S. Census Bureau is currently hiring for 2020. For more information or to apply, go to <https://2020census.gov/jobs>.

### – Start or join a complete count committee in your community.

Complete count committees help identify and count Tribal members in your community.

### – Go to the Natives Count website.

Visit <http://census.narf.org/> for the latest information on the Census, tool kits, and other information to make Natives count!