

Senate Resolution 914

By: Senators Hill of the 32nd and Seay of the 34th

### A RESOLUTION

1 Declaring the week of March 8 through 14, 2010, as Georgia Census Week, and urging the  
2 residents of Georgia to participate completely in the United States 2010 Census to provide  
3 an accurate count of the population of Georgia in the 2010 decennial census; and for other  
4 purposes.

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

8 WHEREAS, the data from the census is used to distribute Congressional seats to states,  
9 determine redistricting of legislative and other government bodies, make decisions about  
10 what community services to provide, and distribute approximately \$400 billion in federal  
11 funds to local, state, and tribal governments each year; and

12 WHEREAS, an accurate count of the population is critical to the fair and equitable  
13 distribution of these seats, services, and funds; and

14 WHEREAS, the residents of Georgia should participate in order to have an accurate count  
15 as of April 1, 2010, of the population in Georgia; and

16 WHEREAS, there were many urban and rural hard-to-count areas in Georgia during the 2000  
17 census, which hindered an accurate count; and

18 WHEREAS, a Georgia Complete Count Committee has been established to build awareness  
19 of the importance and confidentiality of the Census, actively inspire Georgia residents to  
20 participate in the Census, and work with other groups to share ideas and best practices to  
21 encourage active participation in the Census; and

22 WHEREAS, the Georgia Complete Count Committee has established March 11, 2010, as the  
23 official kick-off day to promote the Census in Georgia, and to invite all local Complete  
24 Count Committees to participate in the kick-off event which will encourage all residents to  
25 mail back their completed Census form.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
27 urge Georgia residents to participate in the 2010 Census, memorialize local Complete Count  
28 Committees to register on the website and work with the Georgia Complete Count  
29 Committee, and recognize the week of March 8 through 14, 2010, as Georgia's Official  
30 Census Week in order to build awareness and support throughout Georgia.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
32 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Complete Count Committee.