

**SNOHOMISH COUNTY
WASHINGTON**



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the United States Constitution, Article 1, Section 2, requires that a census of the population be conducted every 10 years so that the representatives in Congress and direct taxes might be apportioned; and

WHEREAS, an official census has been conducted every 10 years since the first census took place in 1790 by going door to door through the 13 original states, only to be improved upon with the creation of new technology and mapping; and

WHEREAS, an accurate census count is vital to the well-being of our communities by helping planners determine where to locate schools, daycare centers, roads and public transportation, hospitals and other essential facilities; and

WHEREAS, census numbers are also used to make decisions concerning business growth and housing needs; and

WHEREAS, census data ensures fair congressional, state and local representation for our county while legislating how districts at each level are divided in addition to where voting districts are located; and

WHEREAS, the 2000 Census showed Snohomish County with a total population of 606,024 and that current estimates as of 2008 show that population has grown to 696,600; and

WHEREAS, the 2010 Census will create jobs and stimulate economic growth in Snohomish County, especially during these difficult financial times.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Aaron G. Reardon, Snohomish County Executive, do hereby proclaim that Snohomish County is committed to partnering with the U.S. Census Bureau to help ensure a full and accurate count beginning April 1, 2010, by declaring the month of April 2009

Census Awareness Month

signed this 3rd day of April, 2009.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Aaron G. Reardon". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a horizontal line.

Aaron G. Reardon
County Executive