

EXECUTIVE ORDER ENLISTING ASSISTANCE FROM STATE AGENCIES
IN THE COMPLETION OF AN OFFICIAL DECENNIAL CENSUS

WHEREAS, the Federal government, through the Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, will be conducting the official decennial census in the year 2000; and

WHEREAS, it is important that Illinois citizens be fully counted by the census; and

WHEREAS, the level of Federal funding that Illinois will receive in the next decade is directly linked to the number of Illinois citizens who are counted by the census; and

WHEREAS, the level of representation that Illinois maintains in its Congressional delegation is also directly linked to the number of citizens who are counted by the census; and

WHEREAS, it is the patriotic duty of all citizens to complete their census forms accurately and return them on time; and

WHEREAS, the Census Bureau is prohibited by law from sharing answers on the census with any other government agency, including the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Internal Revenue Service, Federal Bureau of Investigation or any welfare agencies;

THEREFORE, I, George H. Ryan, order the following:

- I. Each State agency must submit a plan describing how they can assist the effort to achieve a full and accurate census count in Illinois.
- II. Each plan should creatively look for ways that the agency can use its current contacts with individual citizens, with organizations that it regulates, and with other units of government to convey the importance of maximizing our census count.
- III. Each plan should explore ways to use existing data bases to help achieve a complete and accurate census count.

This Executive Order Number 19 (1999) shall take effect upon filing with the Secretary of State.

GEORGE H. RYAN
Governor

December 28, 1999