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**GOVERNOR KAINE ANNOUNCES CREATION OF
'COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEE'**

~Advisory group will focus on accuracy, comprehensive survey in 2010 Census~

RICHMOND – Governor Timothy M. Kaine today announced the creation of the Virginia Complete Count Committee (CCC) by [Executive Order 99](#). The Committee will serve as the central conduit of information in Virginia’s efforts to ensure an accurate and comprehensive survey in the 2010 Census. CCC will also facilitate the sharing of ideas and resources between various communities in the Commonwealth.

"In forming the Virginia Complete Count Committee, we made it a priority to assemble a team that reflects the wonderful diversity of communities across the Commonwealth," said Governor Kaine. "This committee will be a key component in ensuring the full participation of all Virginians in the 2010 Census."

The 2010 Census will target every household in the nation with a simple ten bullet questionnaire. Data obtained by the survey will be compiled and a formal report will be submitted to the President of the United States by December 31, 2010. These data will help determine how **approximately \$400 billion** is distributed from the federal government to state, local and tribal governments annually. The information will also be used in the redistricting of legislative districts and the reapportionment of Congressional seats held by individual states in the U.S. House of Representatives.

In the Commonwealth of Virginia, CCC will enlist a broad range of stakeholders from various racial and ethnic groups as well as representatives from constituencies historically considered "hard-to-count" populations to ensure an accurate 2010 Census count. The group will share information that may benefit local Complete Count Committees and Community Partners and will encourage all state, local and tribal organizations to join efforts by the U.S. Census Bureau.

The Members of the Complete Count Committee are:

Jonathan M. Barton of Midlothian, General Minister Virginia Council of Churches, Inc.;

Earl Bass of Hampton, Chair of the Virginia Council on Indians;

Penny Edwards Blue of Union, President Rural Voters League of Franklin County;

Delaware Clark Jr. of Franklin County, Executive Administrator Cherrystone Missionary Baptist Association, Inc.;

Imad Damaj of Richmond, President Virginia Muslim Coalition for Public Affairs;

G. Rex Faris of Meadows of Dan, Commander for Veterans of Foreign Wars Virginia ;

Leni Gonzalez of Arlington, Chair of the Virginia Latino Complete Count Committee;

Carol Hawn of Fairfax, Member Fairfax County Complete Count Committee;

Olga Hernandez, of Fairfax, President of the League of Women Voters of Virginia;

Sheri Iachetta Owen of Charlottesville, Chair of the Charlottesville Complete Count Committee;

Karen Kurilko of Hampton, Regional Director for Refugee and Immigration Services;

Khalilah LeGrand of Norfolk, Census Coordinator City of Norfolk;

Eric Lin of Richmond, Organization of Chinese Americans;

Elizabeth N. Lutjen of Roanoke, Chair City of Roanoke Complete Count Committee;

Vicki Mirandah of Richmond, Chair Virginia Asian Advisory Board;

Omar Rashid of Richmond, Chair of the Virginia Latino Advisory Board;

Audra T. Repass of Bland County, Census Liaison, Bland County;

Dwight Riddick of Hampton, State President of the Baptist General Convention of Virginia;

Helen Samhan of Falls Church, Executive Director Arab American Institute Foundation;

Vivian Sanchez-Jones of Roanoke, Co-Chair Avancemos Ronaoke;

Giao “Genie” Thingoc Nguyen of Fairfax, Chair Voice of Vietnamese Americans;

Alice Tousignant of Richmond, Executive Director of Virginia Supportive Housing;

J. Rayfield Vines Jr. of Richmond, President of the NAACP State Convention;

Justin Wilson of Alexandria, Chair City of Alexandria Complete Count Committee;

Edith Green White of Norfolk, President & CEO Urban League Tidewater;

Michel Zajur of Midlothian, Chair of the Virginia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

About the 2010 Census

The 2010 Census is a count of everyone living in the United States and is mandated by the U.S. Constitution. Census data are used to distribute Congressional seats to states, to distribute more than \$400 billion in federal funds to local, state and tribal governments each year and to make decisions about what community services to provide. One way to help ensure that everyone is counted is to form Complete Count Committees in communities, municipalities, cities, counties, states and tribal governments across the country. Complete Count Committees are volunteer teams consisting of community leaders, faith-based groups, schools, businesses, media outlets and others who are appointed by elected officials and work together to make sure entire communities are counted. The 2010 Census questionnaire will be one of the shortest in U.S. history and consists of 10 questions, taking about 10 minutes to complete. Strict confidentiality laws protect the respondents and the information they provide.

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