



PHIL BRYANT  
GOVERNOR

November 27, 2017

Dear EMA Director:

The 2020 U.S. Census is quickly approaching, and it is important for the State of Mississippi to begin preparations now to ensure all Mississippians are counted in 2020. The U.S. Census Bureau must have a complete and accurate list of addresses to reach every home and individual in the 2020 Census. The Local Update of Census Addresses Operation (“LUCA”) is the only opportunity for state, tribal and local governments to review and provide feedback on the U.S. Census Bureau’s residential address list before the 2020 Census. I registered the state of Mississippi for participation in LUCA.

Pursuant to Executive Order 1409, which is enclosed herein, I created the Census LUCA Committee to assist in the collection and comparison of addresses in Mississippi. The Census LUCA Committee is composed of the Secretary of State, Commissioner of Institutions of Higher Learning, Department of Information Technology Services Executive Director, Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, Mississippi Civil Defense Emergency Management Association President, and other members as deemed necessary. Secretary of State Delbert Hosemann will serve as the State’s LUCA Liaison and the Chair of the Census LUCA Committee.

For Mississippi to successfully participate in the 2020 U.S. Census, the state will need the most complete addresses available from the local level. The state’s participation will include the collection of local addresses, the preparation of the local data for use, and the comparison of location data to the U.S. Census addresses.

**Please provide the data requested below to Jim Steil, Director of the Mississippi Automated Resource Information System (MARIS), as soon as possible.**

1. A copy of each county’s 911 address data with personally identifying information omitted (i.e. name, phone number, social security number, date of birth). If you are unable to remove the personally identifying information, it will be removed by MARIS as part of this project. If available, please include house number, street information, apartment unit number, zip code, facility name, and address coordinate points. All of the attributes may be useful in finding the location of residences not

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currently in the Census list. While house numbers and street information is the most critical information needed, additional information such as apartment unit number, zip code, facility name, building code/structure type, and address coordinate points would also be extremely useful to this project.

2. A list of any entities for which your county does not have direct addressing authority.

Mississippi's full participation in the U.S. Census is very important. Thank you for assisting with this process.

Should you need further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Jim Steil, Director of the Mississippi Automated Resource Information System (MARIS), by email at [jsteil@ihl.state.ms.us](mailto:jsteil@ihl.state.ms.us) or by phone (601) 432-6354.

Sincerely,



Phil Bryant  
Governor

Enclosure

cc: Delbert Hosemann, Secretary of State, State of Mississippi  
Jim Steil, Director, Mississippi Automated Resource Information System  
Marshall Fisher, Commissioner, Mississippi Department of Public Safety  
Glenn F. Boyce, Commissioner, Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning  
Craig Orgeron, Executive Director, Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services  
Brian "Hooty" Adam, President, Mississippi Civil Defense Emergency Management Association  
Derrick Surette, Executive Director, Mississippi Association of Supervisors  
**County Board of Supervisors**  
Shari T. Veazey, Executive Director, Mississippi Municipal League

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



**EXECUTIVE ORDER 1409**

**WHEREAS**, it is important to prepare for the 2020 Census now to ensure that all Mississippians are counted in 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Census Bureau must have a complete and accurate list of addresses to reach every home and individual for inclusion in the 2020 Census; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Update of Census Addresses Operation ("LUCA") is the only opportunity for state, tribal, and local governments to review and provide feedback on the U.S. Census Bureau's residential address list before the 2020 Census; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Mississippi has registered for LUCA:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Phil Bryant, Governor of the State of Mississippi, pursuant to the authority vested in me under the Constitution and laws of the State of Mississippi, do hereby create a Census LUCA Committee to assist in the collection and comparison of addresses in Mississippi.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Census LUCA Committee shall be composed of the Secretary of State, Commissioner of Institutions of Higher Learning, Information and Technology Systems Executive Director, Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, Mississippi Civil Defense Emergency Management Association President, and such other members the Governor deems necessary.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Secretary of State shall serve as the State of Mississippi's LUCA Liaison and the Chair of the Census LUCA Committee.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** the Census LUCA Committee shall meet at the call of the Chair and provide necessary support.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

**DONE** in the City of Jackson, on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of November in the year of our Lord, two thousand and seventeen, and of the independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-second.



*Phil Bryant*

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GOVERNOR**

**BY THE GOVERNOR**

*C. Delbert Hosemann, Jr.*

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SECRETARY OF STATE**