

conventional and accepted than it is today; and

Whereas, “Negro” took on a negative connotation during the civil rights movement, when it came to be associated with America’s history of segregation and racism; and

Whereas, The inclusion of the term “Negro” in the 2010 Census has been met with intense criticism from younger generations of color, who feel that the term is offensive and outdated; and

Whereas, The Census Bureau defended the inclusion of the term “Negro” in the 2010 Census by claiming that it wanted to accommodate older persons of African descent who continue to self-identify using that term; and

Whereas, In light of the uproar surrounding the term’s inclusion in the 2010 Census, the Census Bureau has said that it will research the effects of removing the term “Negro” from future surveys as well as from the 2020 Census; and

Whereas, On March 26, 2010, Census Bureau Director Robert Groves personally apologized for any offense caused by the use of the term; and

Whereas, The Census is no stranger to the use of archaic racial labels, having previously used such terms as “Mulatto,” “Quadroon” and “Octoroon;” and

Whereas, The term “Negro” is a shameful relic from our country’s history and should be left to fade into disuse; and

Whereas, If the Census Bureau is sincere in its efforts to increase participation among underrepresented communities, then it must avoid using terminology that has the potential to alienate whole groups of people; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls on President Barack Obama and the United States Department of Commerce to remove the classification term “Negro” from the entire United States Census.

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