

# **EVERYONE Counts!**

## **Census 2010**

One of the easiest ways to help your community is to participate in the upcoming Census of 2010. The National Census is conducted every 10 years and will affect our Cities, Towns, Counties and States for the next 10 years. It has been estimated by some local leaders that the community loses \$1,500 for each person that is uncouneted.

Starting April 1<sup>st</sup> 2010 census forms will be mailed to all homes on record in Marion and Winston Counties  
Forms will be available locally for those households not receiving a form in the mail

\*No Social Security Numbers or Financial Information will be asked or required. Anyone asking for this information in regard to the Census should be reported to local law enforcement authorities.

The 10 Questions for the members of each household will include these:

Name?

Relationship?

Gender?

Age?

Date of birth?

Race?

Whether the home is owned or rented?

The entire form should take 10-15 minutes to complete and information provided on the forms remains confidential for 72 years.

Being counted is important because

- 1) The data collected and numbers reported will affect the political representation of our community.
- 2) The data collected and numbers reported affect Federal funding allocations for our community.
- 3) The data collected and numbers reported affect the formulas used to determine resources and attention available to our community during the next 10 years.
- 4) The data collected and numbers reported are used by potential industry and business who are looking to expand or develop.

## **Make sure you are counted!**