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Census Event Moved to Headquarters Library

FAYETTEVILLE – A U.S. Census event originally scheduled for Festival Park Wednesday morning from 10 a.m. to noon is moving indoors to the Pate Room at the Headquarters Library, 300 Maiden Lane. The program is part of a national road tour designed to raise awareness of the 2010 Census happening in April.

Awareness about the Census is needed because more than \$478 billion in federal money will be dispersed to states for Medicaid, highways, housing, schools and other programs. Census population counts are taken every 10 years to determine distribution of federal spending and congressional representation for states.

The public is invited to drop by the library from 10 a.m. to noon to talk to Census Bureau representatives as well as local members of Cumberland County's Complete Count Committee. Information will also be available regarding approximately 2,500 temporary Census jobs in the nine-county region for this spring. Refreshments will be provided by Liberty Tax Service.

“We invite community groups and individuals to come by Wednesday to learn more about the Census and how you can help us achieve an accurate count for Cumberland County in 2010,” said Cecil Combs, deputy director of the Cumberland County Planning and Inspections Department and chairman of the Cumberland County Complete Count Committee. Gathering a complete and accurate population count for the 2010 Census is crucial for the city of Fayetteville and Cumberland County. The totals affect funding and provide decision makers with information on changes happening in the community.

The U.S. Census Bureau seeks applicants to fill thousands of temporary jobs this spring in neighborhoods across the state. For information about working in the 2010 Census, call toll-free **1-866-861-2010**. Or go online to www.2010censusjobs.gov.

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