

2.1 would disproportionately harm states and cities with large immigrant communities, including
2.2 Minnesota; and

2.3 WHEREAS; adding a citizenship question would additionally hamper the goals of the federal
2.4 Voting Rights Act, including the goal of ensuring fair and effective representation for all
2.5 communities; and

2.6 WHEREAS; adding a citizenship question is inconsistent with the Bureau of the Census'
2.7 obligation under federal law to ensure that the information they disseminate is "accurate, reliable,
2.8 and objective"; and

2.9 WHEREAS; the Bureau of the Census' own information quality guidelines disfavor questions
2.10 that diminish response rates; NOW, THEREFORE,

2.11 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota that it respectfully urges
2.12 the United States Secretary of Commerce to reject the request by the Department of Justice to
2.13 include a citizenship question on the 2020 Census.

2.14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of the State of Minnesota respectfully
2.15 urges the President of the United States and the Congress of the United States to take necessary
2.16 steps to prevent the Bureau of the Census from including a citizenship question on the 2020 Census,
2.17 or taking any other action that could result in lower response rates or a population undercount that
2.18 does not accurately reflect the whole number of persons in each state.

2.19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota is directed
2.20 to prepare copies of this memorial and transmit them to the United States Secretary of Commerce,
2.21 the President of the United States, the President and the Secretary of the United States Senate, the
2.22 Speaker and the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, and Minnesota's Senators
2.23 and Representatives in Congress.