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Garifuna Coalition Partners with U.S. Census 2010

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New York – The Garifuna Coalition USA, Inc. a, nonpartisan, 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit organization is proud to announce that it has become an official 2010 Census Partner so that together, we can secure a complete and accurate 2010 Census. Through the partnership, the Garifuna Coalition formally pledged its commitment to share the 2010 Census message and mobilize its constituents in support of the Census Bureau's goal of achieving a complete count.

The foundation of our American democracy is dependent on fair and equitable representation in Congress. In order to achieve an accurate assessment of the number and location of the people living within the nation's borders, the U.S. Constitution mandates a census of the population every 10 years.

The census population totals determine which states gain or lose representation in Congress. It also determines the amount of state and federal funding communities receive over the course of the decade. 2010 Census data will directly affect how more than \$3 trillion is allocated to local, state and tribal governments over the next 10 years. In order for this funding allocation to be accomplished fairly and accurately, the goal of the decennial census is to count everybody, count them only once, and count them in the right place. The facts gathered in the census also help shape decisions for the rest of the decade about public health, neighborhood improvements, transportation, education, senior services and much more.

The goal of the 2010 Census is to count all residents living in the United States on April 1, 2010. The Garifuna Coalition will develop an outreach campaign targeted at the Central American population and will coordinate the participation of the various Central American organizations. The U.S. Census Bureau does not ask about the legal status of respondents in any of its surveys and census programs.

The Garifuna Coalition USA, Inc. is partnering with the U.S. Census, to make sure that Garinagu are counted properly, therefore, we invite everyone to participate in the 2010 Census and recommend that you answer the questions as follows:

8. Is person 1 of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish Origin?

- Yes, another Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin -
i.e. Guatemalan, Honduran, Nicaraguan.

If you are from Belize or St. Vincent and the Grenadines, answer:

- No**, not of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin

9. What is person's 1 race?

- Some other race - Print race. **Garifuna**

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