



“MESKWAKI NATION”

Sac & Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa

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Dear Meskwaki Settlement Community,

The U.S. Census counts every resident in the United States, and is required by the Constitution to take place every 10 years. The 2010 Census will help communities receive more than \$400 billion in federal funds each year for things like: hospitals, job training centers, schools, senior centers, bridges, tunnels and other-public works projects and emergency services.

The information collected by the census is an important tool for federal and tribal government decision-making. Census data also helps tribal elders and leaders understand what their communities need. The data collected by the census also helps determine the number of seats your state has in the U.S. House of Representatives.

In April all households on the Settlement will be visited by a census taker. It is important that we provide accurate data to receive the greatest benefit from the 2010 Census and to insure the American Indian and Alaska Native population will be represented.

The U.S. Census Bureau's mission is to responsibly collect data and record the given information. They have limited authority to cross-reference or interpret information; therefore, I encourage everyone in the Meskwaki Community to consider adopting a uniform response to the following areas of the 2010 Census forms:

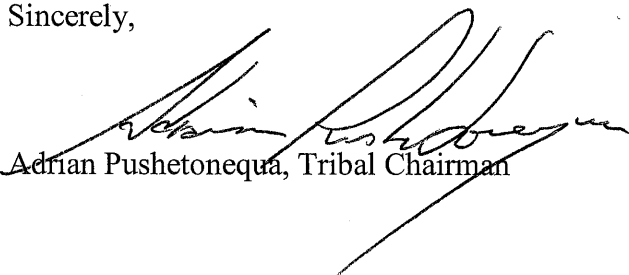
“**Tribe**” – Sac & Fox of Iowa/Meskwaki

“**Race**” – Indian

While this form may not be a complete picture of who you are, it is imperative that you list yourself as Indian and list your principal tribe. Please be aware that inconsistent responses will cause individuals and households to be placed into a general category called “Other”, which may or may not be included in the Tribe's overall count.

Thank you for your participation in the 2010 Census.

Sincerely,


Adrian Pushetonequa, Tribal Chairman