



## **IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO TOWN RESIDENTS**

**Subject: Federal Census 2010**

**Please note that this year there will be a Federal Census mailed to you in March by the Federal Government. This census is required every 10 years.**

The 2010 Federal Census will be a separate document from your annual Town Census. The enclosed Town Census document validates residency and your voter registration status. It is important to return **both** the Town Census and the Federal Census in 2010.

**The Federal Census 2010 count** will be used to insure that Andover and Massachusetts get their fair share of grant money and congressional representation for the next 10 years. *Congressional Representation in United States Congress is based on the Federal Census numbers.*

### **Frequently Asked Questions about the US Federal Census:**

#### **What?**

##### **Count**

The census is a count of everyone living in the United States. This mandatory count is required by the United States Constitution.

#### **Who?**

##### **Everyone**

All residents of the United States must be counted. This includes people of all ages, races, ethnic groups, citizens and non-citizens. **Federal law protects the personal information you provide during the census.**

#### **When?**

##### **March 2010**

The federal census is conducted every 10 years. Census questionnaires will be mailed or delivered to every household in the United States between February and March 2010. The questions ask you to provide information that is accurate for your household as of April 1, 2010.

**If you have any questions concerning your Town Census or your 2010 Federal Census, call the Town Clerk's Office at 978-623-8259 or send an email to the office at [townclerk@andoverma.gov](mailto:townclerk@andoverma.gov).**