

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
March 26, 2010

Contact: Joel Keefer  
(716) 753-4672

## **County Executive Seeks to Answer Questions Concerning 2010 Census Forms**

**Mayville:** -- Some residents in Chautauqua County still have not received their 2010 U.S. Census Form, and Chautauqua County Executive Gregory J. Edwards is looking to help answer their questions.

In particular, Edwards said he has fielded several calls regarding residents who have their mail delivered to a Post Office Box.

"I spoke to regional Census Bureau Representative Mary Ruth Sweet, who said that they had made the decision that census forms would not be delivered to PO Boxes," Edwards said. "Sweet assured me that the U.S. Census Bureau has been working very closely with the United States Postal Service, and that they knew there are many areas of Chautauqua County where residents have their mail delivered to a PO Box."

Edwards said that this decision was made to be sure people get counted where they live, not where their PO Box is.

"While I truly feel for those who are going to be getting a knock on their door from a Census taker, I also understand why the decision was made," Edwards said. "We need to get the most accurate count as possible because it directly impacts federal funds that come to Chautauqua County."

Sweet freely shared that just one person counted is equal to \$2,000 in federal funds for our community.

At this point, Edwards said that all forms that went out by mail should have been delivered. Beginning next week, workers will be hand delivering forms to people that have PO Boxes or that have been returned to them by the post office.

"Also in April, Question Assistance Centers will be set up around the area that will provide forms for residents," Edwards said. "A list of these locations is available by calling my office at (716) 753-4211. You can also request a form by calling 1-866-872-6868."

Edwards apologized for any inconvenience this may cause County residents, and hoped that everyone would follow through with answering "10 Questions in 10 Minutes." For more information on the 2010 Census, please visit [www.2010Census.gov](http://www.2010Census.gov).

-END-