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2010 Census Center of Population to be Celebrated in Plato, Mo.

What: The village of Plato, Mo., will celebrate its selection as the 2010 Census Center of Population on Monday, May 9, at 1 p.m. CDT. The mean center of population is the point at which an imaginary, flat, weightless and rigid map of the United States would balance perfectly if all 308.7 million residents are counted where they live and all weigh exactly the same.

The event will include music, food, remarks and the unveiling of a commemorative survey mark. Attending will be residents of Plato (pop. 109), 600 students from the Plato R-V School, state and local leaders, and the director of the Census Bureau.

The Census Bureau has released the centers of population for all 50 states, the District of Columbia and all counties based on the 2010 Census. Historically, many states and counties have marked and celebrated their centers.

When: Monday, May 9, 1 p.m. CDT

Who: Bob Biram, village chairman
Robert M. Groves, director, U.S. Census Bureau
Juliana Blackwell, director, NOAA's National Geodetic Survey

Where: The village of Plato, Texas County, Missouri, 65552 (next to the post office)

Online Press Kit:

Event materials are posted online and accessible at: <2010.census.gov/news/press-kits/center-population/center-population.html>, link accessible on May 3.

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Resources:

You can also learn more about the 2010 Center of Population from our *Special Edition: Facts for Features* by visiting:

<www.census.gov/newsroom/releases/archives/facts_for_features_special_editions/cb11ff10.html>

For more information about NOAA's National Geodetic Survey, please visit <geodesy.noaa.gov>.

Please RSVP by 5 p.m. (EDT), Friday, May 6, to the Public Information Office at 301-763-3030 or to <pio.2010@census.gov>.

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