STATE OF COLORADO  )
COUNTY OF GARFIELD  ) ss.

At a regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners for Garfield County, Colorado, held at the County Administration Building in Glenwood Springs on Monday the 4th day of November, there were present:

  Tom Jankovsky, Commissioner
  Mike Samson, Commissioner
  John Martin, Commissioner Chairman
  Tari Williams, County Attorney
  Kevin Batchelder, County Manager
  Jean Alberico, Clerk to the Board

when the following proceedings, among others were had and done, to-wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 19-

RESOLUTION CONCERNING WOLF MANAGEMENT IN COLORADO

WHEREAS, Garfield County, State of Colorado is a legal and political subdivision of the State of Colorado for which the Board of County Commissioners ("Board") is authorized to act; and

WHEREAS, Garfield County residents and visitors enjoy abundant outdoor recreational opportunities, especially viewing, photographing and hunting the Western Slope’s large population of deer, elk and recently reintroduced moose; and

WHEREAS, the livestock industry and big game hunting are two of the primary components of the Colorado economy, and are a major contributor to the economic and social wellbeing of Garfield County; and

WHEREAS, predation by wolves of the wildlife and domestic livestock is a serious problem that Colorado should not invite, encourage or accept; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the negative economic social impacts of wolf reintroduction, wolves pose a danger to the physical health of household pets and people due to predation and the transmission of diseases; and

WHEREAS, ongoing private efforts to reintroduce wolves into Colorado are unnecessary based upon the scientific input from the federal and state agencies tasked with managing wildlife populations; and

WHEREAS, the efforts to reintroduce the gray wolf to the northern Rocky Mountains have exceeded recovery goals, Colorado is not part of the historic range of the Mexican wolf,
and existing federal wolf recovery efforts do not include establishing populations of either the
grey wolf or the Mexican wolf in Colorado; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission passed Resolution 16-01
opposing the intentional release of any wolves into Colorado.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of
Garfield County, Colorado, as follows:

1. The Board opposes any efforts to introduce or expand the populations of wolves
into Colorado.

2. The Board supports recommendations of the Colorado Wolf Working Group,
which were adopted by the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission in 2005.

3. The Board supports the position taken by the Colorado Parks and Wildlife in its
Resolution 16-1.

4. The Board supports delisting of all wolf species under the Endangered Species
Act to allow management of wolves at the state and local levels.

5. The Board requests that any federal or state wolf management plans include
funding to offset the negative impacts of wolves on livestock, wildlife management, hunting and
other adversely affected sections of local economies.

6. The Board supports efforts to include a requirement that any publicly funded or
sponsored wolf education programs include comprehensive and balanced discussions about the
impacts of wolves on local economies, and include the perspective of livestock producers,
hunters and public health officials.

DATED this ______ day of November, 2019.

ATTEST: 

Clerk to the Board 

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
GARFIELD COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO 

By: ____________________________

Chairperson

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Upon motion duly made and seconded the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Tom Jankovsky   Aye
Mike Samson     Aye
John Martin     Aye
Commissioners  Aye