RESOLUTION NO. 19-053

STATE OF COLORADO

COUNTY OF KIT CARSON

At a regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners for Kit Carson County, Colorado, held at the Court House in Burlington on Wednesday the 26th day of December, 2019, there were present:

Cory Wall........................................ Chairman
David L. Hornung ............................... Commissioner
Gary Koop.......................... Commissioner
Susan Corliss ................................ County Clerk and Recorder
Paula Weeks.......................... County Administrator

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

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING WOLF MANAGEMENT IN COLORADO

WHEREAS, Kit Carson County residents and visitors enjoy viewing, photographing and hunting Kit Carson County’s abundance of Ring Necked Pheasants, Turkey’s, Pronghorn’s, Whitetail and Mule Deer; and,

WHEREAS, these outdoor recreational activities and livestock production are two of the primary components of the Colorado economy, and are a major contributor to the economic and social wellbeing of Kit Carson County; and,

WHEREAS, predation by wolves of wildlife and domestic livestock is a serious problem that Colorado shouldn’t invite, encourage or accept; and,

WHEREAS, in addition to the negative economic and 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 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 Kit Carson County:

a. The Board opposes any efforts to reintroduce or expand the population of wolves into Colorado; and,
b. The Board supports the position taken by Colorado Parks and Wildlife in its Resolution 16-01; and,
c. The Board supports delisting of all wolf species under the Endangered Species Act to allow management of wolves at the state and local level; and,
d. 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 sectors of local economies; and,
e. The Board supports efforts to include a requirement that any publicly funded or sponsored wolf education programs include comprehensive and balances discussions about the impacts of wolves on local economies, and include the perspective of livestock producers, hunters, and public health officials.

ADOPTED THIS 26th day of December, 2019 at Burlington, Colorado.

Motion made by Dave Hornung, seconded by Gary Koop, motion carried.
STATE OF COLORADO  )
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I, Susan Corliss, County Clerk and ex-officio Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners in and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the annexed and foregoing Resolution is truly copied from the Records of the Proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners of said Kit Carson County, now in my office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the County at Burlington, this 26th day of December, 2019.

Attest:  

Susan Corliss, County Clerk