RESOLUTION OPPOSING INTRODUCTION OR EXPANSION OF WOLVES INTO COLORADO
Resolution No. 2020-2

WHEREAS, Prowers County residents and visitors enjoy abundant outdoor recreational opportunities, especially viewing, photographing and hunting Colorado’s big game; 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 Prowers County; and

WHEREAS, predation by wolves of the majestic 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; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Prowers County:

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

B. The Board supports the position taken by the 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 levels; 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 balanced discussions about the impacts of wolves on local economies, and include the perspective of livestock producers, hunters, and public health officials.

ADOPTED this 14th day of January 2020

[Signatures]

ATTEST:

Jana Coen, County Clerk

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Chairman
Vice-Chairman
Commissioner