A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY OF CUSTER, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO CONCERNING THE FORCED REINTRODUCTION OF THE WOLF IN THE STATE OF COLORADO

WHEREAS, Custer County residents enjoy abundant outdoor recreational activities, especially hiking, biking, horseback riding, hunting as well as other outdoor activities; and

WHEREAS, these outdoor activities and the production of livestock are two of the primary components of the economy of Custer County and the state of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, predation by wolves of the State’s wildlife and domestic livestock is a serious problem that the State of Colorado should not 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 to household pets and people due to predation and the transmission of disease; and

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

WHEREAS, the gray wolf reintroduction efforts in the northern Rocky Mountains have exceeded the recovery goals, and 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 gray or 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 THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY OF CUSTER, STATE OF COLORADO:

1. Opposes any efforts to introduce or expand the population of wolves into Colorado, and

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

3. Supports the position taken by the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission in its Resolution 16-01; and
4. Supports the de-listing of all wolf species under the Endangered Species Act to allow the management of wolves at both the local and state levels; and

5. 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

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


Tommy G. Flower  1/15/2020

TOMMY G. FLOWER, BOCC CHAIRMAN  DATE

William R. Canda  1/15/2020

WILLIAM R. CANDA, VICE CHAIRMAN  DATE

Jay D. Printz  1/15/2020

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Kelley Camper  1/15/2020

ATTEST, KELLEY CAMPER, CUSTER COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER  DATE