Resolution #2020 – 1

RESOLUTION OPPOSING ANY EFFORTS TO INTRODUCE OR EXPAND THE POPULATION OF WOLVES INTO THE STATE OF COLORADO.

WHEREAS, Saguache County is more than 75% plus of Federal Lands and oppose the efforts to introduce or expand the population of wolves into the State of Colorado, 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 Saguache 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, gray wolf reintroduction efforts in 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 gray 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; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Saguache County, Colorado (the “Board”), as follows:

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

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 7th day of January, 2020.

ATTEST:

Trish Gilbert
Clerk & Recorder

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SAGUACHE COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO:

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