

STATE OF COLORADO)
) ss.
COUNTY OF ELBERT)

At a regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Elbert County, State of Colorado, held at the Elbert County Administration Building in Kiowa, Colorado 80117 on Wednesday, the 14th day of October, there were present:

Chris Richardson	County Commissioner, Chairman
Rick Pettitt	County Commissioner
Grant Thayer	County Commissioner
Amanda Moore	Deputy Clerk to the Board

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

RESOLUTION 20-27
URGING OPPOSITION TO STATE BALLOT PROPOSITION #114 CONCERNING
THE RESTORATION OF GRAY WOLVES

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

WHEREAS, the Board is empowered by statute with authorities to address certain threats to the life, health, and safety of the citizens of Elbert County; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of State of Colorado approved placement of a citizen initiative to restore gray wolves on the 2020 General Election Ballot; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of the Interior, in March 2019, recommended removing the Gray Wolf from the federal endangered species list; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Department of Parks and Wildlife has publicly opposed the introduction of the Gray Wolf in Colorado repeatedly over the past 37 years (in 1982, 1989, and 2016); and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Legislative Council has estimated the cost just to plan for the effort in 2021 and 2012 at over \$800,000 and further that beginning in Fiscal Year 2023-24, implementation costs will increase as the reintroduction of gray wolves commences; and

WHEREAS, there are already identified viable wolf populations within Colorado that have migrated into the state after reintroduction efforts previous taken in Wyoming and New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, in states where wolves have been re-introduced, incidents of attacks on game animals, livestock, and pets are regularly recorded while attacks on humans in other areas of



North America, while less common, are known to have occurred and resulting in death and serious injury to humans; and

WHEREAS, in states where wolves have been re-introduced, cases of previously unrecorded instances of disease have been found to be prevalent in the wolf population and these diseases have been passed to game animals, and can be transmitted to domesticated livestock, pets, and humans; and

WHEREAS, organizations such as the Colorado Farm Bureau, Douglas/Elbert Livestock Association, R-CALF, and others actively engaged in environmental and wild game conservation and agricultural production oppose introduction of Grey Wolves; and


WHEREAS, livestock production is a primary agricultural industry critical to the economy of Elbert County and the livelihood of its citizens;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE ELBERT COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ELBERT COUNTY, COLORADO officially declares its opposition to State Proposition #114, as passage would increase risk of harm to citizens, pets, and livestock and requires unnecessary expenditure of taxpayer dollars to support introduction of a species already present in the State of Colorado.

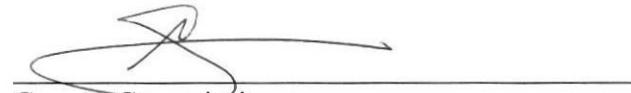
ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 14th day of October, 2020.



County Commissioner, Chairman AYE



County Commissioner AYE



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ATTEST: DALLAS SCHROEDER
COUNTY CLERK

BY: 
DEPUTY CLERK TO THE BOARD - Amanda Moore

