

Members of the Committee on Foreign Adversary Investments and Land Purchases,

Would you move control of the United States military to China? All tanks, airplanes, equipment and munitions would be maintained and controlled by the Chinese Government. All nuclear weapons would be managed and positioned by the Chinese Communist Party. The U.S. Navel fleet would take it's orders from Beijing. China can protect the United States and it's citizens from now on.

If you will not consider allowing China to protect the United States, why would you allow China to own United States businesses and land?

Why not give the rest of Kansas to the United States Federal Government? Why not close up the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Kansas Department of Revenue, Department of Transportation and other administrative offices? The citizens of Kansas are already accustomed to Washington D.C. controlling, maintaining and administering businesses and lands in Kansas. The remaining transition should go smoothly. Why not eliminate the Governor, Attorney General and every other office? We could take down the Capitol and donate the land for another federal park to be maintained through another federal Historic Designation grant.

Foreign adversaries are in Kansas rescuing it's citizens from regulatory overreach by relieving citizens of the burdens that are now associated with owning private property. Perhaps eliminating private property is the best answer? Or perhaps it would be better to listen to the citizens of Kansas?

The following pages are from Kansas citizens and their local elected officials:

Resolution No. 2021- 28

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE "HALF EARTH," "30 X 30," AND "AMERICA
THE BEAUTIFUL" PROGRAMS AND SUPPORTING CONTINUED PRIVATE
OWNERSHIP OF LAND

WHEREAS,

1. For some years, on an international level, there have been environmentalist proposals similar to a leading one called "Half Earth."¹
2. Half Earth refers to permanently locking up half of the earth's land and water against any use by human beings by 2050.
3. The theory of Half Earth is that permanently locking up half of the earth is necessary as a last-minute desperate measure to avoid climate change catastrophe, to save millions of species from extinction, and thereby save ourselves. The Half- Earth Project says, "The extinction rate is 1,000 times higher than before the global spread of humanity. As human impact on the environment grows, associated species loss compromises the stability of our planet."²
4. For some years, on an international level, there have been intermediate proposals similar to a leading one called "30 x 30."
5. 30 x 30 refers to permanently locking up 30 percent of the earth's land and water by 2030 as an interim goal toward permanently locking up 50 percent.³
6. The theory of 30 x 30 is that permanently locking up the earth to the scale of 30 percent on the time frame of less than 10 years by 2030 is necessary to barely avoid the immediate environmental crisis.⁴
7. In 2019 the Center for American Progress published a report supporting 30 x 30 titled "How Much Nature Should America Keep." The overview provided with the press announcement of the report said, "A good answer to this question starts with a commitment to protecting 30 percent of U.S. lands and oceans by 2030."⁵ The Center's webpage announcing the publication of the report quotes ecologist Edward O. Wilson, author the book *Half-Earth: Our Planet's Fight for Life*, as saying the Half Earth prescription is "the only way to save upward of 90 percent of the rest of life."⁶
8. Following publication of that report, measures were introduced in the United States Congress calling for 30 x 30. In the Senate, one of the co-sponsors was then-Senator Kamala Harris. In the House of Representatives, one of the co-sponsors was then- Representative Debra Haaland. President Joseph R. Biden selected Senator Harris as his running mate for Vice President and President of the Senate, and he

selected Representative Haaland as Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior, a key department for 30 x 30.

9. On January 27, 2021, President Biden signed Executive Order 14008 titled "Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad" which, among other things, adopts 30 x 30.⁷

10. The Executive Order directed the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Commerce, the Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality, and the heads of other relevant agencies to submit a report within 90 days of the order recommending steps that the United States should take to achieve the goal of "conserving" at least 30 percent of U.S. lands and waters by 2030.⁸

11. The Executive Order is silent about what "conservation" means.

12. The Executive Order is silent about where the Administration plans to get the 30 percent of American land to lock up.

13. The report submitted in obedience to the Executive Order does not answer either of those questions, and Administration officials now say it is too difficult to define "conservation,"⁹ but they plan to do it, whatever it is.

14. . The Administration has not answered questions from state, local, tribal, and territorial governments, farmers, ranchers, forest landowners, fishermen, and other stakeholders. For some examples,

- A. They have not provided a scientific basis for a claim that unless we permanently lock up 30 percent of America in 9 years, more than one million species will become extinct.
- B. They have not provided an explanation of why, if the land that would be lost to development by 2030 would be 11 million acres, we must dictate the permanent lockup of 681 million more acres beyond the 274 million acres already deemed permanently protected. The gap between the 11million acre loss and the 681million acre lockup is well beyond fuzzy math.
- C. They have not provided a scientific explanation of how locking up 30 percent of American's land in 9 years will cure the immediate climate crisis. In other words, they have not shown that locking up America will not all have been for nothing, environmentally speaking.
- D. They have not answered questions 15 Governors asked President Biden in their letter to him in April 2021. The letter noted that very little information is being shared with states.¹⁰
- E. In response to a letter dated March 16, 2021 from 62 members of the

U. S. House and Senate requesting that the White House provide a briefing to Congress, the White House staff on April 14, 2021 provided a ten-minute presentation and a round of questions, during which they said that what the President means by "conservation" of land in his Executive Order is too difficult to define.

15. The so-called "science" that has been offered to justify 30-percent lockup of America as an interim goal toward a 50-percent lockup is not standard science based on such procedures as hypothesis testing, empirical observation, and repeatable experimental results. It is "models" that foreordain the conclusions by presupposing the assumptions fed into them: garbage in, garbage out. Most of the citations to supposed "science" are to press releases and opinion papers by environmentalist groups. The few references to actual scientific papers do not prove the core claim of 30 x 30 that human use of land threatens millions of species or that locking up 30 percent of America in 9 years will cure the climate crisis.

16. The Administration has promised environmentalists that they will use "every tool in the toolbox" to lock up 30 percent of America's land including not only removing federal lands from human use, but new measures in conservation programs, new federal land acquisitions, and an array of other tools.

17. The Executive Order cites no constitutional, statutory, or other lawful authority for the President to dictate 30 x 30.

18. The Administration has provided no answers to questions about the lawfulness of the President's dictate.

19. A groundswell of grassroots local opposition to 30 x 30 has arisen beginning in the center of the country and spreading outward.

20. Already as early as April 8, 2021, the Nebraska and Kansas State Attorneys General co-signed a letter to the Secretary of the Interior putting the Administration on notice that they are prepared to defend their states' and landowners' property rights against 30 x 30.

21. Already as early as April 21, 2021 15 Governors had signed a joint letter to the President that Section 216 of the Executive order "infringes on the sovereignty of states and rights of the citizens."¹¹

22. U. S. Senators from the following states have announced their opposition to 30 x 30: Montana, North Dakota, Wyoming, Nebraska, Tennessee, Georgia, Idaho, Utah, and Alaska.

23. U. S. Representatives from the following states have announced their opposition to 30 x 30: Montana, Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho, Arizona, Wyoming, Utah, Colorado, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, South Carolina, Virginia, and Alaska.

24. Following the widespread and growing opposition to 30 x 30 across the country, the Administration has rebranded and begun re-marketing it as the "America the Beautiful Initiative." This is an appeal for political support in urban areas from people who have no skin in the game. They own none of the land that the Presidential dictate would permanently lock up.

25. In the rebranding, America the Beautiful claims:

A. 30 x 30 is a local initiative.

B. Permanently locking up land or water is voluntary.

26. 30 x 30 is not a local initiative. It originated as an interim goal of the global environmentalist Half Earth proposal. The current administration unilaterally repealed a former provision that local governments could veto major federal land acquisitions in their jurisdictions. This repeal removed local government control of permanently locking up land and water.²⁰

35. Viewing 30 x 30 in the full context of the Administration's other policies, it becomes clear that just as the meaning of words like "conservation" is kept mushy, the meaning of "voluntary" when the Administration uses that word is not what the people of Anderson County mean by "voluntary." For example, the Administration's policy of eliminating stepped-up basis for tax purposes on the event of death would force farmers, ranchers, and others to sell parts or all of their land to pay hugely increased taxes. Selling the farm to be permanently locked up because of a tax gun-to-the-head is not voluntary. That is a land grab.

36. 30 x 30 is contrary to the rights, interests, history, heritage, way of life, children, and grandchildren of Anderson County's citizens and to the interests of Anderson County as a local government.

38. Another feature of the rebranding is that instead of submitting 30 x 30 to Congress in a single bill identified as such, the Administration will follow a different tactic of implementing "death by a thousand small cuts." It will endorse apparently scattered and separate bills, issue executive orders, issue secretarial orders, shift enforcement approaches on things like conservation contracts, and many other separately small tactics, like an army in a thousand uniforms marching under a thousand flags. This is done so that no piece is recognized as or called 30 x 30, and therefore individual pieces are not opposed based on the unpopularity of 30 x 30.

39. Regarding habitat and welfare of species, the better managed land

is privately owned land, and the land most poorly managed is under management by federal agencies and environmentalist elites. Private landowners have provided the best habitat while producing the necessary food, fiber, minerals, and Energy to support life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

40. 30 x 30 is an accusation that the landowners are unable or unwilling to care properly for the land, which we find to be simply not true.

Now, **THEREFORE IT BE HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Anderson County, State of Kansas this 11th day of October, 2021, that:

1. **Opposition to 30 x 30.** We oppose the 30 x 30 program, every other similar program by any name, all separate parts or pieces of such programs, and Executive Order 14008.

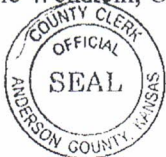
2. **Private Property Rights.** We support continued private ownership of land in Anderson County and the private use of land in support of "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness" in accordance with the principles of the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of Kansas.

Effective Date. This resolution shall be immediately effective upon passage, approval, and adoption.

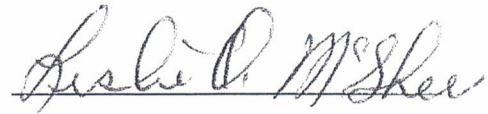
Attest:



Julie Wettstein, County Clerk



Signed:



Les McGhee, Chairman



Dave Pracht, Member



Anthony C. Merman, Member

¹See e.g., Edward O. Wilson, *Half Earth: Our Planet's Fight for Life* (New York: Liveright Publishing Corporation, 2016), ISBN 978-1-63149-082-8 paperback.

² "Scientists for a Half-Earth Future," Half-Earth Project, <https://www.half-earthproject.org/scientists/> (accessed June 4, 2021).

³"Thirty by Thirty--an interim goal toward protecting Half of Nature," *Words of the Wild*, Newsletter of the Sierra Club's California/Nevada Wilderness Committee, Vol. XXII, No. 3, December 2019, <https://www.sierraclub.org/sites/www.sierraclub.org/files/WOW-December-2019.pdf> (accessed June 3, 2021).

⁴"How Much Nature Should America Keep?," Center for American Progress, August 6, 2019, <https://www.americanprogress.org/issues/green/reports/2019/08/06/473242/much-nature-america-keep/> (accessed 6-3-2021).

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⁷ 66 Fed. Reg. 7,619 (Vol. 86, No. 19, Monday, February 1, 2021).

⁸ § 216(a).

⁹ White House staff response to letter dated March 16, 2021 by 62 members of the U. S. House and Senate asking for a briefing.

¹⁰"Fifteen State Governors Respond to President Biden's Aggressive 30 by 30 Plan," Protect the Harvest, provides full text and a PDF file of the letter, <https://protecttheharvest.com/news/open-letter-to-president-biden-about-30-by-30/> (accessed June 3, 2021).

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²⁰ Rescission of Department of Interior Secretarial Order 3388.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-29

RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S "30 X 30" LAND PRESERVATION GOAL

WHEREAS, Butler County is a legal and political subdivision of the State of Kansas for which the Board of County Commissioners ("Board") is authorized to act; and

WHEREAS, Butler County contains 925,440 acres of land in the State of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, the wellbeing, health, safety, welfare, economic condition, and culture of Butler County, its businesses, and its citizens depend on private land ownership and the use of these resources; and

WHEREAS, many of Butler County's businesses and its citizens are involved in or otherwise depend on industries that utilize private lands and their resources, including agriculture such as crop production, livestock grazing, oil and gas exploration and production, hunting and other outdoor recreation; and

WHEREAS, these industries are important components of the Kansas's economy, and are major contributors to the economic and social wellbeing of Butler County and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, governments are instituted among people, deriving their powers from the consent of the governed to secure their inherent and inalienable rights, and for the protection of their property; and

WHEREAS, private property rights are guaranteed full protection under the Constitution of Kansas, as well as, the Constitution of the United States, which prohibit the erosion of these rights for a public purpose; and

WHEREAS, the federal government currently owns 1.5% of the land within the County, and the Tulsa Corps of Engineers are responsible for managing approximately 14,000 acres of these federal lands as illustrated in *Exhibit A*, attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, within Butler County, the State of Kansas owns and manages 352.2 acres for a State Fishing lake as illustrated in *Exhibit B*; and

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2021, President Joseph R. Biden, Jr., issued Executive Order 14008, entitled "Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Aboard" (86 Fed. Reg. 7,619); and

WHEREAS, in Section 216 of Executive Order 14008, President Biden directed the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture, Secretary of Commerce, Chairman of the Council of Environmental Quality, and other senior officials, to develop a program to conserve at least thirty (30) percent of the lands and waters in the United States by 2030, which is called the "30 x 30" program; and

WHEREAS, under the 30 x 30 program, an estimated 700 million acres of our Nation's lands would be set aside and permanently preserved in its natural state by 2030, preventing the productive use of these lands and their resources; and

WHEREAS, there is no constitutional or statutory authority for the President, the Department of the Interior, the Department of Agriculture, or any other federal agency to set aside and permanently preserve 30 percent of all land and water in the United States, and no such authority is referenced in Executive Order 14008; and

WHEREAS, the goal of conserving at least 30 percent of the land and water in the United States is a public purpose, not voted on or consented to by the people, Congress, or the [State] Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the 30 x 30 program seeks to replace the decision-making of independent Landowners who have been caring for these lands for generations without federal mandates and restrictions; and

WHEREAS, the Biden Administration has stated they will be using all the tools in existing law to reach their 30 percent target by 2030, including conservation easements in perpetuity, federal conservation programs, National Heritage Areas, Wildlife Corridors, Endangered Species listings and critical habitat designations, and all other similar programs; and

WHEREAS, placing private lands into permanent conservation status will cause dramatic and irreversible harm to the economy of [State], and counties, such as [Name] whose citizens depend on private lands for their security and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, lands placed under permanent conservation easements reduce the value of that parcel of land while increasing the tax burden on other private landowners and industries to make up the property valuation difference; and

WHEREAS, federal conservation programs artificially drive up the cost of, and directly compete with, the working landowners who depend on the ability to lease or purchase those lands for the production of the food, fiber, energy and minerals our nation requires; and

WHEREAS, the 30 x 30 program, if implemented, will conflict with the plans, policies, and programs of Butler County as expressed in Butler County Comprehensive Plan, adopted June of 2000 which obligates the federal and state government to coordinate its policy development with Butler County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Butler County, Kansas as follows:

1. The Board opposes the 30 x 30 program, including its objective of permanently preserving at least 30 percent of the Nation's lands and waters in its natural state by 2030, or any similar program that will set aside and prevent the productive use of lands within our jurisdiction.

2. The Board further opposes the designation and use of lands in Butler County to be included as a part of the "30 x 30" program, whether these be through conservation programs, easements, national heritage areas, wildlife preserves, wildlife corridors, open space, or other federal designations preventing the development and productive use of the resources on or within such lands.

3. The Board supports the continued private ownership of land in the County, recognizing the Nation's need for domestic sources of minerals, energy, timber, food, and fiber.

4. The Board recognizes and supports the State of Kansas laws governing water rights and water use and opposes any federal designation of waters and watercourses within the County that would impair or restrict water diversions and uses authorized under Kansas law.

5. The Board opposes and disagrees with using any public purpose, including global climate change, to set aside large tracts of land as preserves or open space to fulfill the 30 x 30 program's objectives.

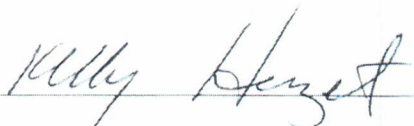
6. The Board also maintains that any lands or other rights that are acquired to fulfill the 30 x 30 program's objectives should be acquired only from willing sellers/landowners and for the payment of full and fair market value for all rights and interests acquired, and not through regulatory compulsion, and only after analyzing and considering the impacts of such land acquisitions on the well-being, health, safety, welfare, economy, and culture of [Name] County, its businesses, and its citizens.

7. The Board requires that any proposed federal land acquisitions within their jurisdiction have the consent of the Board of Commissioners. This includes any transfer of conservation easements from land trusts to the federal government.

8. The Board shall send a copy of this Resolution to the U.S. Departments of Interior and Agriculture, the Kansas Department of Agriculture, Kansas Attorney General, Governor Laura Kelly and all other relevant Federal and State agencies.

DATED this 8th day of August, 2023.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Kelly Herzet, Chairman

ATTEST:


Tatum Stafford, Butler County Clerk



The seal is circular with a double-line border. The outer ring contains the text "COUNTY CLERK" at the top and "BUTLER COUNTY, KANSAS" at the bottom, separated by two stars. The inner circle contains the word "SEAL" in large, bold, capital letters.

Exhibit A

El Dorado State Park and Wildlife Area

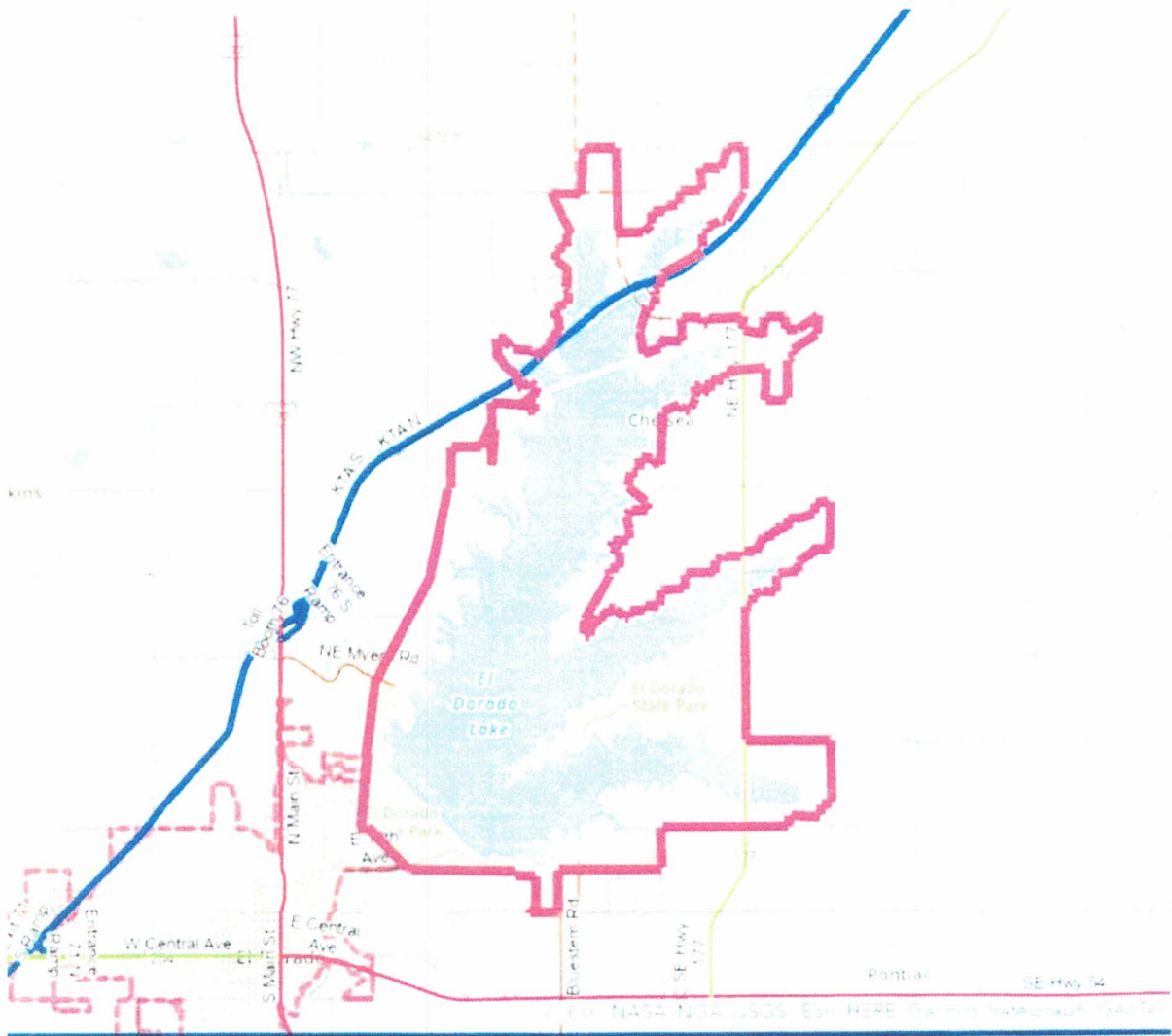
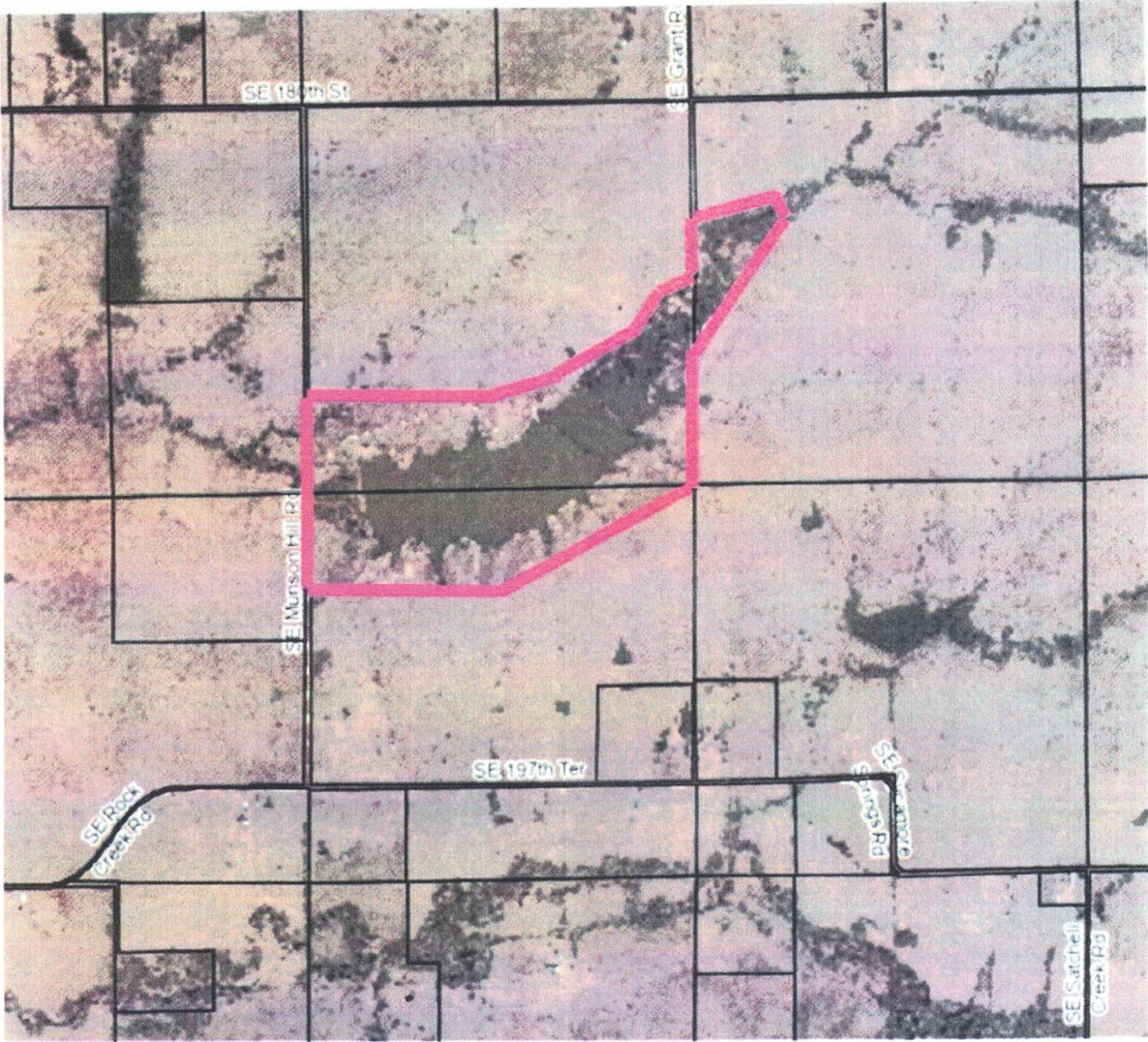


Exhibit B

Butler County State Fishing Lake



RESOLUTION NO. 2021-05

*A Declaratory Resolution Opposing the Federal Government's
"30 X 30" Land Preservation Goal*

WHEREAS, Chase County is a legal and political subdivision of the State of Kansas for which the Board of County Commissioners ("Board") is authorized to act; and

WHEREAS, Chase County contains about 500,000 acres of land situation in Flint Hills Region, and

WHEREAS, some privately owned land in Chase County is also already protected with perpetual conservation easements; and

WHEREAS, The Tallgrass Natural Preserve is within the County containing 10,000 acres; and

WHEREAS, designating lands as wilderness does not assure its preservation. Left in an undisturbed or natural state, these lands are highly susceptible to wildland wildfires, insect infestation and disease, all of which degrades the natural and human environment; and

WHEREAS, the well- being, health, safety, welfare, economic condition, and culture of the County, its businesses, and its citizens depend on private land ownership and the use of these resources; and

WHEREAS, many of Chase County's businesses and is citizens are involved in or otherwise depend on industries that utilize private lands and their resources, including livestock grazing, oil and gas exploration and production, recreational industries, hunting and other outdoor recreation]; and

WHEREAS, these industries are important components of the Kansas economy, and are major contributors to the economic and social wellbeing of Chase County and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2021, President Joseph R. Biden, Jr., issued Executive Order 14008 entitled Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Aboard (86 Fed. Reg. 7,619); and

WHEREAS, in Section 216 of Executive Order 14008, President Biden directed the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture and other senior officials, to develop a program to conserve at least 30 percent of the lands and waters in the United States by 2030, which is called the "30 X 30" program; and

WHEREAS, under the 30 X 30 program, some 680 million acres of our Nation's lands would be set aside and permanently preserved in its natural state, preventing the productive use of these lands and their resources; and

WHEREAS, there is no constitutional or statutory authority for the President, the Department of the Interior, the Department of Agriculture, or any other federal agency to set aside and permanently preserve 30 percent of all land and water in the United States, and no such authority is referenced in Executive Order 14008; and

WHEREAS, placing private lands into permanent conservation status will cause dramatic and irreversible harm to the economies of many states, including Kansas, and in particular rural counties such as Chase County whose citizens depend on private lands for their livelihoods; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 14008 at 216(a) directs the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with other relevant federal agencies to “submit a report to the Task Force within 90 days of the date of this order recommending steps that the United States should take, working with State, local, Tribal, and territorial governments, agricultural and forest landowners, fishermen, and other key stakeholders, to achieve the goal of conserving at least 30 percent of our lands and waters by 2030.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DECLARED by the Board of County Commissioners of Chase County, Kansas, as follows:

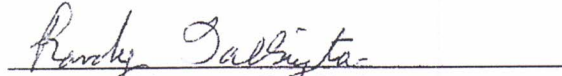
1. The Board opposes the 30 X 30 program, including its objective of permanently preserving 30 percent of the Nation’s lands in its natural state by 2030, or any similar program that will set aside and prevent the productive use of millions of acres of our lands.
2. The Board further opposes the designation of lands in Chase County as wilderness, wilderness study areas, wildlife preserves, open space, or other conservation land, thereby restricting public access to such lands and preventing the development and productive use of the resources on or within such lands.
3. The Board supports the continued private ownership of land in the County, recognizing the Nation’s need for domestic sources of minerals, energy, timber, food, and fiber.
4. The Board recognizes and supports the State of Kansas’ water rights system and other state laws and programs governing water rights and water use, and opposes any federal designation of waters and watercourses within the County that would impair or restrict water diversions and uses authorized under Kansas law.
5. The Board opposes the use of global climate change as an excuse to set aside large tracts of land as preserves or open space to fulfill the 30 X 30 program’s objectives.
6. The Board also maintains that any lands or other rights that are acquired to fulfill the 30 X 30 program’s objectives should be acquired only from willing landowners and for the payment full and fair market value for all rights and interests acquired, and not through regulatory compulsion, and only after analyzing and considering the impacts of such land acquisitions on the well-being, health, safety, welfare, economy, and culture of Chase County, its businesses, and its citizens.

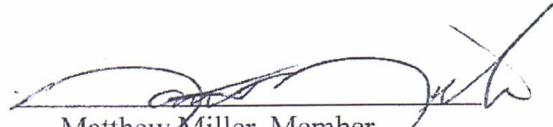
7. The Board shall send a copy of this Resolution to the Department of Interior and all other relevant Federal and State agencies.

DATED this 30th day of April, 2021.

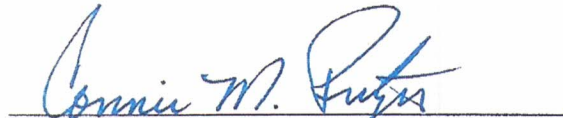
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHASE COUNTY,
STATE OF KANSAS


Anthony Hazelton, Chairman


Randy Talkington, Vice Chairman


Matthew Miller, Member

ATTEST:


Connie M. Pretzer, County Clerk

SEAL



**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF CLAY COUNTY, KANSAS**

RESOLUTION 2021-12

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S "30 x 30" LAND PRESERVATION GOAL.

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2021, President Joseph R. Biden, Jr., issued Executive Order 14008 entitled Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad (86 Fed. Reg. 7.619): and

WHEREAS, in Section 216 of Executive Order 14008, President Biden directed the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture and other senior officials, to develop a program to conserve at least 30 percent of the lands and waters in the United States by 2030, which is called the "30 X 30" program; and

WHEREAS, under the 30 X 30 program, some 680 million acres of our Nation's Lands would be set aside and permanently preserved in its natural state, preventing the productive use of these lands and their resources; and

WHEREAS, there is no constitutional or statutory authority for the President, the Department of the Interior, the Department of Agriculture, or any other federal agency to set aside and permanently preserve 30 of all land and water in the United States, and no such authority is referenced in Executive Order 14008; and

WHEREAS, the 30 X 30 program, if implemented, is likely to cause significant harm to the economy of Clay County, and injure the County's businesses and its citizens by depriving them of access to public lands and preventing the productive use of these lands' resources; and

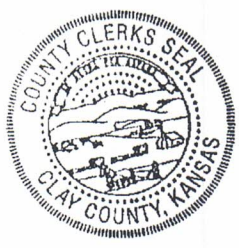
WHEREAS, Executive Order 14008 at Sec. 216(a) directs the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with other relevant federal agencies to "submit a report to the Task Force within 90 days of the date of this order recommending steps that the United States should take, working with State, local, Tribal, and territorial governments, agricultural and forest landowners, fishermen, and other key stakeholders, to achieve the goal of conserving at least 30 percent of our lands and waters by 2030"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Clay County, Kansas the following:

1. The Board opposes the 30 X 30 program, including its objective of permanently preserving 30 percent of the Nation's lands in its natural state by 2030, or any similar program that will set aside and prevent the productive use of millions of acres of our lands.
2. The Board further opposes the designation of public lands in Clay County as wilderness, wilderness study areas, wildlife preserves, open space, or other conservation land, thereby restricting public access to such lands and preventing the development and productive use of the resources on or within such lands.

3. The Board supports the continues management of the pubic lands and the national forests under principles of multiple use and sustained yield, recognizing the Nation’s need for domestic sources of minerals, energy, timber, food, and fiber, and in careful coordination with local entities to ensure consistency with County land use plans and land management policies, as required by law.
4. The Board supports maintaining and enhancing public access to public lands and national forests and opposes road closures, road decommissioning, moratoria on road construction, and other limitations on public access for the purpose of fulfilling the 30 X 30 program’s objectives.
5. The Board recognizes and supports the State of Kansas’ water rights system, including the doctrine of prior appropriation and other state laws and programs governing water rights and water use, and opposes any federal designation of waters and watercourses within the Count and the State that would impair or restrict water diversions and uses authorized under Kansas law.
6. The Board supports reasonable national, regional, and global greenhouse gas emissions policies and goals that are comprehensive, practical, cost-effective, and do not unnecessarily single out specific industries or activities, but opposes the use of global climate change as an excuse to set aside large tracts of land as preserves or open space to fulfill the 30 X 30 program’s objectives.
7. The Board also maintains that any non-federal lands or other rights that are acquired to fulfill the 30 X 30 program’s objectives should be acquired only from willing landowners and for the payment full and fair market value for all rights and interests acquired, and not through regulatory compulsion, and only after analyzing and considering the impacts of such land acquisitions on the well-being, health, safety, welfare, economy, and culture of Clay County, its businesses and its citizens.
8. The Board shall send a copy of this Resolution to the Department of Interior, Department of Agriculture, and all other relevant Federal and State Agencies.

PASSED THIS 21st DAY OF JUNE, 2021 BY THE CLAY COUNTY, KANSAS COMMISSIONERS:



Eric A. Carlson
Eric A. Carlson, Chairman

Jerry F. Mayo
Jerry F. Mayo, Member

David M. Thurlow
David M. Thurlow, Member

ATTEST:

Kayla Wang
Kayla Wang, Clay County Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-874

RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S "30 X 30" LAND INITIATIVE AND PRESERVATION GOAL

WHEREAS, Coffey County is a legal and political subdivision of the State of Kansas for which the Board of County Commissioners for Coffey County ("Board") is authorized to act; and

WHEREAS, the well- being, health, safety, welfare, economic condition, and culture of Coffey County, its businesses, and its citizens depend on private land ownership and the use of these resources; and

WHEREAS, many of Coffey County's businesses and its citizens are involved in or otherwise depend on industries that utilize private lands and their resources, including livestock grazing, oil and gas exploration and production, recreational industries, hunting and other outdoor recreation; and

WHEREAS, these industries are important components of the Kansas economy, and are major contributors to the economic and social wellbeing of Coffey County and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2021, President Joseph R. Biden, Jr., issued Executive Order 14008, "Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad" (86 Fed. Reg. 7,619); and

WHEREAS, in Section 216 of Executive Order 14008, the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture and other senior officials, was directed to develop a program to conserve at least 30 percent of the lands and waters in the United States by 2030, which is called the "30 x 30" program; and

WHEREAS, under the "30 x 30" program, some 680 million acres of our Nation's lands would be set aside and permanently preserved in its natural state, preventing the productive use of these lands and their resources; and

WHEREAS, President Biden does not identify which lands may be targeted by the program Executive Order 14008. However, the Department of Interior released a fact sheet on the same day finding that only 12 percent of America's lands are currently "conserved"; and

WHEREAS, there is no constitutional or statutory authority for the President, the Department of the Interior, the Department of Agriculture, or any other federal agency to set aside and permanently preserve 30 percent of all land and water in the United States, and no such authority is referenced in the Order; and

WHEREAS, the "30 x 30" program creates great local concern that the federal government will move to enlarge the federal estate or further restrict the use of public lands, especially those public lands located within the boundaries of Coffey County; and

WHEREAS, the "30 x 30" program also involves the potential increase in land use restrictions by the federal government on lands located within the boundaries of Coffey County and obtaining the 30 percent goal from state or private lands under the Order would potentially

require condemnation or otherwise severely limit the local uses of such lands, resulting in the infringement on the private property rights of our citizens and significantly harming our local economy; and

WHEREAS, placing private lands into permanent conservation status will cause dramatic and irreversible harm to the economies of many states, including Kansas, and in particular rural counties such as Coffey County whose citizens depend on private lands for their livelihoods; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 14008 at Sec. 216(a) directs the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with other relevant federal agencies to “submit a report to the Task Force within 90 days of the date of this order recommending steps that the United States should take, working with State, local, Tribal, and territorial governments, agricultural and forest landowners, fishermen, and other key stakeholders, to achieve the goal of conserving at least 30 percent of our lands and waters by 2030.”

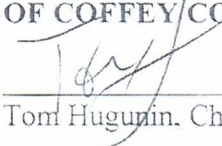
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Coffey County, Kansas, as follows:

1. The Board opposes the “30 x 30” program, including its objective of permanently preserving 30 percent of the Nation’s lands in its natural state by 2030, or any similar program that will set aside and prevent the productive use of our lands.
2. The Board further opposes any unilateral special designations of public lands in Coffey County under the “30 x 30” program without full public participation and local support. Any proposed designation of lands under the “30 x 30” program must directly involve and include the local preferences of Coffey County citizens, especially those designations that restrict public access to such lands and/or prevent the development and productive use of the resources on or within such lands.
3. The Board supports the current management of the public lands and federally designated areas, and in careful coordination with Coffey County to ensure consistency with County land use plans and land management policies, as required by law.
4. The Board supports the continued private ownership of land in the County, recognizing the Nation's need for domestic sources of minerals, energy, timber, food, and fiber.
5. The Board recognizes and supports the State of Kansas' water rights system and other state laws and programs governing water rights and water use, and opposes any federal designation of waters and watercourses within the County that would impair or restrict water diversions and uses authorized under Kansas law.
6. The Board opposes the use of global climate change as an excuse to set aside large tracts of land as preserves or open space to fulfill the 30 X 30 program's objectives.

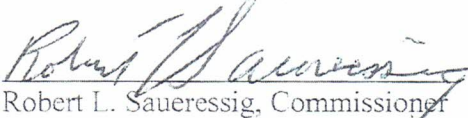
7. The Board maintains that the designation of public lands to fulfill the "30 x 30" program's objectives may lawfully occur, if at all, only through the planning process mandated by the Federal Land Management and Policy Act (for public lands), including public notice and an opportunity to comment, analysis and disclosure of the impacts of such land acquisitions on the well-being, health, safety, welfare, economy, and culture of Coffey County, its businesses, and its citizens, and careful coordination with Coffey County officials.
8. The Board also maintains that any non-federal lands or other rights that are acquired to fulfill the "30 x 30" program's objectives should be acquired only from willing landowners and for the payment full and fair market value for all rights and interests acquired, and not through regulatory compulsion, and only after analyzing and considering the impacts of such land acquisitions on the well-being, health, safety, welfare, economy, and culture of Coffey County, its businesses, and its citizens.
9. The Board shall send a copy of this Resolution to the Department of Interior and all other relevant Federal and State agencies.

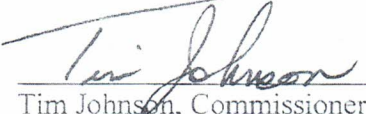
ADOPTED this 26th day of July 2021, by the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COFFEY COUNTY, KANSAS.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF COFFEY COUNTY, KANSAS


Tom Hugin, Chairman


Don Meats, Vice Chairman

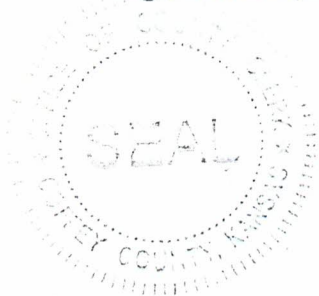

Robert L. Saueressig, Commissioner


Tim Johnson, Commissioner


Jesse Knight, Commissioner

ATTESTED:


Angie Kirchner, County Clerk



RESOLUTION NO. 2022- F

RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S "30 X 30" LAND PRESERVATION GOAL

WHEREAS, Comanche is a legal and political subdivision of the State of Kansas for which the board of County Commissioners ("Board") is authorized to act; and

WHEREAS, Comanche containing about 505,516 acres of land situated in Kansas; and

WHEREAS, designating lands as wilderness does not assure its preservation. Left in an undisturbed or natural state, these lands are highly susceptible to wildland wildfires, insect infestation and disease all of which degrades the natural and human environment; and

WHEREAS, the well-being, health, safety, welfare, economic condition, and culture of the County, its business, and its citizens depend on the private land ownership and the use of these resources; and

WHEREAS, many of Comanche County's businesses and its citizens are involved in or otherwise depend on industries that utilize private lands and their resources including livestock grazing, oil and gas exploration and production, recreational industries, hunting and other outdoor recreation; and

WHEREAS, these industries are important components of the Kansas economy, and are major contributors to the economic and social wellbeing of Comanche County and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, On January 27, 2021, President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. Issues Executive Order 14008 entitled Tackling the Climate Crises at Home and Aboard (86 Fed. Reg. 7,619); and

WHEREAS, in Section 216 of Executive Order 14008, President Biden directed the Secretary of Interior in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture and other senior officials, to develop a program to conserve at least 30 percent of the lands and waters in the United States by 2030, which is called the "30 x 30" program; and

WHEREAS, under the 30 x 30 program, some 680 million acres of our Nation's lands would be set aside and permanently preserved in its natural state, preventing the productive use of these lands and their resources; and

WHEREAS, there is no constitutional or statutory authority for the President, the Department of the Interior, the Department of Agriculture, or any other federal agency to set aside and permanently preserve 30 percent of all land and water in the United States, and no such authority is referenced in Executive Order 14008; and

WHEREAS, placing private lands into permanent conservation state will cause dramatic and irreversible harm to economies of many states including Kansas, and in Particular rural counties such as Comanche County whose citizens depend on private lands for their livelihoods; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 14008 at 216(a) directs the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with other relevant federal agencies to "submit a report to the Task Force within 90 days of the date of this order recommending steps that United States should take, working with State, local, Tribal, and territorial governments, agricultural, and forest landowners, fisherman, and other key stakeholders, to achieve the goal of conserving at least 30 percent of our lands and waters by 2030."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Comanche County, Kansas, as follows:

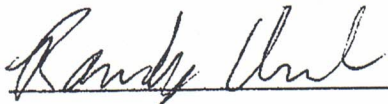
1. The Board opposes the 30 x 30 program, including its objective of permanently preserving 30 percent of the Nation's lands in its natural state by 2030, or any similar program that will set aside and prevent the productive use of the millions of acres of our lands.
2. The Board further opposes the designation of lands in Comanche County as wilderness, wilderness study areas, wildlife preserves, open space, or other conservation land, thereby restricting public access to such lands and preventing the development and productive use of the resources on or within such lands.
3. The Board supports the continued private ownership of land in the County, recognizing the Nation's need for domestic sources of mineral, energy, timber, food, and fiber.
4. The Board Recognizes and supports the State of Kansas water rights system, and other state laws and programs governing water rights and water use and opposes any federal designation of waters and watercourses within the County that would impair or restrict water diversions and uses authorized under Kansas Law.
5. The Board supports reasonable national, regional, and global greenhouse gas emissions policies and goals that are comprehensive, practical, cost-effective, and do not unnecessarily single out specific industries or activities, but opposes the use of the global climate change to set aside large tracts of land as preserves or open space to fulfill the 30 x 30 program's objectives.
6. The Board also maintains that any lands or other rights that are acquired to fulfill the 30 x 30 program's objectives should be acquired only from willing landowners and for the payment full fair market value for all rights and interests acquired, and not through regulatory compulsion, and only after analyzing and considering the impacts of such lands acquisitions on well-being, health, safety, welfare, economy, and culture of Comanche County, its businesses, and its citizens.
7. The Board shall send a copy of this Resolution to the Department of Interior and all other relevant Federal and State Agencies, State Parties, and Kansas District; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Comanche Board of County Commissioners adopts the resolution opposing the Federal government's "30 x 30" land preservation goal for Local Government as Comanche County policy until further action by this board.

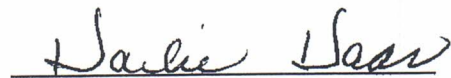
SIGNED AND DATED THIS 25th DAY OF JUNE, 2022.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

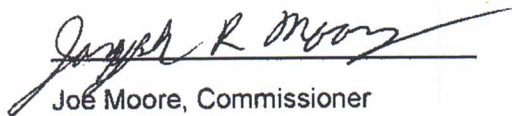
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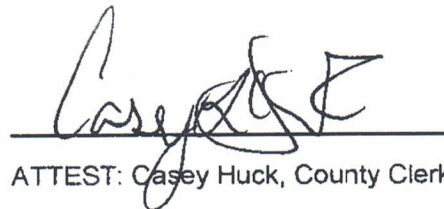
Randy Unruh, Chairman



Harlie Haas, Commissioner



Joe Moore, Commissioner



ATTEST: Casey Huck, County Clerk

COUNTY OF COWLEY

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-02

RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S "30 X 30" LAND
PRESERVATION GOAL

WHEREAS, Cowley County ("County") is a legal and political subdivision of the State of Kansas for which the Board of County Commissioners ("Board") is authorized to act; and

WHEREAS, the County, containing about 724,480 acres of area which consists of approximately 720,640 acres of land and 4,288 acres of water, is situated in South Central Kansas; and

WHEREAS, a County breakdown shows roughly 574,614 acres currently in agricultural usage and over 8,000 acres in conservation/preservation status, divided among federal, state, municipal, private and conservancy ownership, with the potential for an additional 2,000 acres or more to be included with the discovery of the Etzanoa battlefield site and town boundaries.

WHEREAS, designating lands as wilderness does not assure its preservation. Left in an undisturbed or natural state, these lands are highly susceptible to wildland wildfires, insect infestation and disease, all of which degrades the natural and human environment; and

WHEREAS, the well-being, health, safety, welfare, economic condition, and culture of the County, its businesses, and its citizens depend on private land ownership and the use of these resources; and

WHEREAS, many of the County's businesses and its citizens are involved in or otherwise depend on industries that utilize private lands and their resources, including crop production, livestock grazing and production, oil and gas exploration and production, quarrying, hunting or fishing and other outdoor recreation that rely on private ownership of land; and

WHEREAS, these industries are important components of the Kansas economy, and are major contributors to the economic and social wellbeing of the County and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2021, President Joseph R. Biden, Jr., issued Executive Order 14008 entitled Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad (86 Fed. Reg. 7,619); and

WHEREAS, in Section 216 of Executive Order 14008, President Biden directed the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture and other senior officials, to develop a program to conserve at least 30 percent of the lands and waters in the United States by 2030, which is called the "30 x 30" program; and

WHEREAS, under the 30 x 30 program, some 700 million acres of our Nation's lands would be set aside and permanently preserved in its natural state, preventing the productive use of these lands and their resources; and

WHEREAS, there is no constitutional or statutory authority for the President, the Department of the Interior, the Department of Agriculture, or any other federal agency to set aside and permanently preserve 30 percent of all land and water in the United States, and no such authority is referenced in Executive Order 14008; and

WHEREAS, placing private lands into permanent conservation status will cause dramatic and irreversible harm to the economies of many states, including Kansas, and in particular rural counties such as Cowley County whose citizens depend on private lands for their livelihoods; and

WHEREAS, the 30 x 30 program, if implemented, will conflict with the plans, policies and programs of the citizens of the County who own private property and as such, have private plans, policies and programs for land they own; and

WHEREAS, lands placed under permanent conservation easements reduce the value of that parcel of land while increasing the tax burden on other private landowners and industries to make up the property valuation difference; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 14008 at 216(a) directs the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with other relevant federal agencies to "submit a report to the Task Force within 90 days of the date of this order recommending steps that the United States should take, working with State, local, Tribal, and territorial governments, agricultural and forest landowners, fishermen, and other key stakeholders, to achieve the goal of conserving at least 30 percent of our lands and waters by 2030."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Cowley County Board of County Commissioners of Cowley County, Kansas, as follows:

1. The Board opposes the 30 x 30 program, including its objective of permanently preserving 30 percent of the Nation's lands in its natural state by 2030, or any similar program that will set aside and prevent the productive use of millions of acres of our lands.
2. The Board further opposes the designation of lands in the County as wilderness, wilderness study areas, wildlife preserves, open space, viewshed, or other conservation land, thereby restricting public access to such lands and preventing the development and productive use of the resources on or within such lands.
3. The Board supports the continued private ownership of land in the County, recognizing the Nation's need for domestic sources of minerals, energy, timber, food, and fiber.
4. The Board recognizes and supports the State of Kansas' water rights system, including the doctrine of prior appropriation and other state laws and programs governing water rights and water use, and opposes any federal designation of waters and watercourses within the County that would impair or restrict water diversions and uses authorized under Kansas law.

5. The Board also maintains that any lands or other rights that are acquired to fulfill the 30 x 30 program's objectives should be acquired only from willing sellers/landowners and for the payment of full and fair market value for all rights and interests acquired, and not through regulatory compulsion, and only after analyzing and considering the impacts of such land acquisitions on the well-being, health, safety, welfare, economy, and culture of the County, its businesses, and its citizens.

6. The Board shall send a copy of this Resolution to the Department of the Interior and all other relevant Federal and State agencies.

DATED this 1 day of August, 2023.

ATTEST:

Karen Madison Karen Madison
Clerk of the Board

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COWLEY COUNTY, STATE OF KANSAS

By: Wayne Wilt Wayne Wilt, Chairman

By: Alan Groom Alan Groom, Member

By: Bob Voegele Bob Voegele, Member

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-16

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF DECATUR COUNTY, KANSAS, as follows:

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2021 the President signed Executive Order 14008; and

WHEREAS, the intent of such order is to take thirty percent of the land out of production by the year 2030 (commonly referred to as 30/30); and

WHEREAS, the farmers of Decatur County and around the United States feed the world; and

WHEREAS, farmers and ranchers take great pride in their protection of the land; and,

WHEREAS, the economy of Decatur County is nearly completely and totally tied to the success of production agriculture; and,

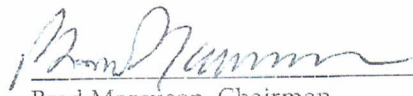
WHEREAS, many of our ancestors came to America because land was not plentiful in their native lands and the Homestead Act allowed them to own land by making improvements; and,

WHEREAS, private land ownership is a very important concept to our society;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Decatur County, Kansas by the authority granted the Board by the laws of the State of Kansas and people of Decatur County, Kansas, we hereby call upon Congress to pass laws that prohibit the implementation of the 30/30 executive order, and that our elected officials, including the President, educate themselves as to the importance of production agriculture in feeding the world, of the efforts taken by farmers and ranchers to be good stewards of the land, and of the devastation to our local economy and tax base if the 30/30 plan is implemented.

SECTION 6. This resolution shall take effect upon its passage.

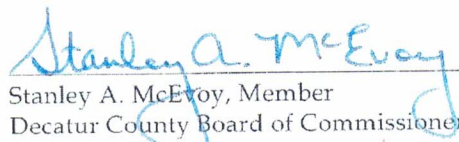
Dated this 30 day of April 2021.

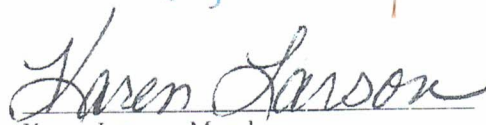

Brad Marcuson, Chairman
Decatur County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Nora Urban
Decatur County Clerk


Stanley A. McEvoy, Member
Decatur County Board of Commissioners


Karen Larson, Member
Decatur County Board of Commissioners

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF DICKINSON COUNTY, KANSAS**

RESOLUTION # 05 27 21A

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE INCLUSION OF DICKINSON COUNTY WITHIN THE
NATIONAL HERITAGE AREAS DESIGNATED REGION.

WHEREAS, the Kansas Nebraska Heritage Area Partnership is pursuing National Heritage Area designation, encompassing 49 counties. (26 in Kansas, 23 in Nebraska, equaling 35,792 square miles) with a total area population of 650,000:

WHEREAS, Congress has designated the National Heritage Areas which encompass vast amounts of privately held land in order to highlight areas of specific interest. Citizens of this county appreciate efforts to encourage economic development, but oppose blanket designations that put dissenting private landowners in the unreasonable position of having to "opt out" of federally mandated boundaries:

WHEREAS, the establishment of the 49-county National Heritage Area would adversely influence local officials to pass zoning laws not otherwise needed in order to accommodate a National Area Heritage Area Management Plan developed by the National Park Service and approved by the Secretary of the Interior, thereby altering well-established processes for land use regulation:

WHEREAS, a National Heritage Area designation invites interference in local affairs by special interest groups who claim to be stakeholders, such as the National Park Service, animal rights activists and environmental groups who do not have the historical perspective, deeply felt stewardship and responsibility of owners who have worked the land over several generations:

WHEREAS, the establishment of a National Heritage Area in order to leverage federal and local matching funds based upon private property, without owner knowledge or consent, illustrates a violation of private property rights; the United States can no longer afford to borrow money to engage in endless expansion of dependency and regulation by the federal government with sunset provisions for NHAs that were never enforced, resulting in chronic dependency rather than free market activity:

WHEREAS, A fundamental interdependence exists between individual liberty and the ability to own property, the citizens of this county are very concerned that a National Heritage Area designation would deprive landowners of the ability to use and enjoy their property as they see fit:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Dickinson County Commissioners hereby opposes the National Heritage Area designation of the 49-county region aforementioned, and likewise opposes the inclusion of Dickinson County, Kansas

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-03

A Declaratory Resolution Opposing the Federal Government's "30X30" Land Preservation Goal

WHEREAS, Greenwood County is a legal and political subdivision of the State of Kansas for which the Board of County Commissioners ("Board") is authorized to act; and

WHEREAS, Greenwood County contains over 739,000 acres of land situated in Flint Hills, Chatauqua Hills and Osage Cuestas Region;

WHEREAS, some privately owned land in Greenwood County is also already protected with perpetual conservation easements; and

WHEREAS, designating lands as wilderness does not assure its preservation. Left in an undisturbed or natural state, these lands are highly susceptible to wildland wildfires, insect infestation and disease, all of which degrades the natural and human environment; and

WHEREAS, the well-being, health, safety, welfare, economic condition, and culture of the County, its businesses, and its citizens depend on private land ownership and the use of these resources; and

WHEREAS, many of Greenwood County's businesses and its citizens are involved in or otherwise depend on industries that utilize private lands and their resources, including livestock grazing, oil and gas exploration, wind energy, solar energy, and recreational industries, hunting and other outdoor recreation; and

WHEREAS, these industries are important components of the Kansas economy, and are major contributors to the economic and social wellbeing of Greenwood County and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2021, President Joseph R. Biden, Jr., issued Executive Order 14008 entitled Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad (86 Fed. Reg. 7,619); and

WHEREAS, in Section 216 of Executive Order 14008, President Biden directed the Secretary of Interior, in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture and other senior officials, to develop a program to conserve at least 30 percent of the lands and waters in the United States by 2030, which is called the "30X30" program; and

WHEREAS, under the 30X30 program, some 680 million acres of our Nation's lands would be set aside and permanently preserved in its natural state, preventing the productive use of these lands and their resources; and

WHEREAS, there is no constitutional or statutory authority for the President, the Department of the Interior, the Department of Agriculture, or any other federal agency to set aside and permanently preserve 30 percent of all land and water in the United States, and no such authority is referenced in Executive Order 14008; and

WHEREAS, placing private lands into permanent conservation status will cause dramatic and irreversible harm to the economies of many states, including Kansas, and in particular rural counties such as Greenwood County whose citizens depend on private lands for their livelihoods; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 14008 at 216(a) directs the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with other relevant federal agencies to "submit a report to the Task Force within 90 days of the date of this order recommending steps that the United States should take, working with State, local Tribal, and territorial governments, agricultural and forest landowners, fishermen, and other key stakeholders, to achieve the goal of conserving at least 30 percent of our lands and waters by 2030."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DECLARED by the Board of County Commissioners of Greenwood County, Kanas, as follows:

1. The Board opposes the 30X30 program, including its objective of permanently preserving 30 percent of the Nation's land in its natural state by 2030, or any similar program that will set aside and prevent the productive use of millions of acres of our lands.

2. The Board further opposes the designation of lands in Greenwood County as wilderness, wilderness study areas, wildlife preserves, open space, or other conservation land, thereby restricting public access to such lands and preventing the development and productive use of the resources on or within such lands.

3. The board supports the continued private ownership of land in the County, recognizing the Nation's need for domestic sources of minerals, energy, timber, food, and fiber.

4. The Board recognizes and supports the State of Kansas' water rights system and other state laws and programs governing water rights and water use, and opposes any federal designation of waters and watercourses within the County that would impair or restrict water diversions and uses authorized under Kansas law.

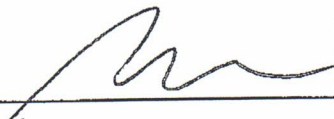
5. The Board opposes the use of global climate change as an excuse to set aside large tracts of land as preserves or open space to fulfill the 30X30 program's objectives.

6. The Board also maintains that any lands or other rights that are acquired to fulfill the 30X30 program's objectives should be acquired only from willing landowners and for the payment full and fair market value for all rights and interests acquired, and not through regulatory compulsion, and only after analyzing and considering the impacts of such land acquisitions on the well-being, health, safety, welfare, economy, and culture of Greenwood County, its businesses, and its citizens.


7. The Board shall send a copy of this Resolution to the Department of Interior and all other relevant Federal and State agencies.

DATED this 7th day of March, 2022.

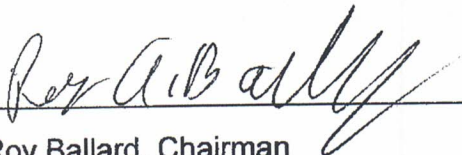
Board of County Commissioners, Greenwood County, Kansas



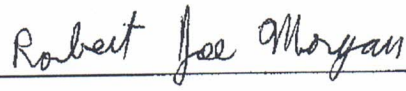
Ben Fox, Member



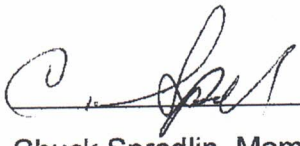
Paul Hodge, Member



Roy Ballard, Chairman



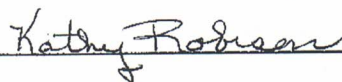
Robert Joe Morgan, Member



Chuck Spradlin, Member



ATTEST:



County Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 11-8-2021-15
A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S
30X30 PRESERVATION GOAL

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF HASKELL COUNTY, KANSAS, as follows:

WHEREAS Haskell County is a legal and political subdivision of the State of Kansas for which the Board of County Commissioners ("Board") is authorized to act; and

WHEREAS Haskell County contains approximately 370,000 acres of land situated in Kansas; and

WHEREAS the federal government owns less than one-half percent (1/2%), if any, of the land within the County and there are no federal lands within Haskell County; and

WHEREAS designating lands as wilderness does not assure its preservation. Left in an undisturbed or natural state, these lands are highly susceptible to wildland wildfires, insect infestation and disease, all of which degrades the natural and human environment; and

WHEREAS the well-being, health, safety, welfare, economic condition and culture of the County, its businesses and its citizens depend on private land ownership and the use of these resources; and

WHEREAS many of Haskell County's businesses and its citizens are involved in or otherwise depend on industries that utilize private lands and their resources, including livestock grazing, oil and gas exploration and production, hunting and other outdoor recreation; and

WHEREAS these industries are important components of the Kansas economy and are major contributors to the economic and social wellbeing of Haskell County and its citizens; and

WHEREAS on January 27, 2021, President Joseph R. Biden, Jr., issued Executive Order 14008 entitled Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Aboard (86 Fed. Reg. 7,619); and

WHEREAS in Section 216 of Executive Order 14008, President Biden directed the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture and other senior officials, to develop a program to conserve at least 30 percent of the land and waters in the United States by 2030, which is called the "30 x 30" program; and

WHEREAS under the 30 x 30 program, some 680 million acres of our Nation's lands would be set aside and permanently preserved in its natural state, preventing the productive use of these lands and their resources; and

WHEREAS there is no constitutional or statutory authority for the President, the Department of the Interior, the Department of Agriculture or any other federal agency to set aside

and permanently preserve 30 percent of all land and water in the United States and no such authority is referenced in Executive Order 14008; and

WHEREAS placing private lands into permanent conservation status will cause dramatic and irreversible harm to the economies of many states including Kansas and in particular rural counties such as Haskell County whose citizens depend on private lands for their livelihoods; and

WHEREAS Executive Order 14008 at 216(a) directs the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with other relevant federal agencies to “submit a report to the Task Force within 90 days of the date of this Order recommending steps that the United States should take, working with State, local, Tribal and territorial governments, agricultural and forest landowners, fisherman and other key stakeholders, to achieve the goal of conserving at least 30 percent of our lands and waters by 2030.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Haskell County, Kansas, as follows:

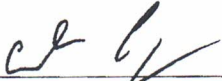
1. The board opposes the 30 x 30 program, including its objective of permanently preserving 30 percent of the Nation’s lands in its natural state by 2030, or any similar program that will set aside and prevent the productive use of millions of acres of our lands.
2. The board further opposes the designation of lands in Haskell County as wilderness, wilderness study areas, wildlife preserves, open space or other conservation land, thereby restricting public access to such lands and preventing the development and productive use of the resources on or within such lands.
3. The board supports the continued private ownership of land in the County, recognizing the Nation’s need for domestic sources of minerals, energy, timber, food and fiber.
4. The board recognizes and supports the State of Kansas’ water rights system and other state laws and programs governing water rights and water use and opposes any federal designation of waters and watercourses within the County that would impair or restrict water diversions and uses authorized under Kansas law.
5. The Board supports reasonable national, regional and global greenhouse gas emissions policies and goals that are comprehensive, practical, cost-effective and do not unnecessarily single out specific industries or activities but opposes the use of global climate change as an excuse to set aside large tracts of land as preserves or open space to fulfill the 30 x 30 program’s objectives.
6. The Board also maintains that any lands or other rights that are acquired to fulfill the 30 x 30 program’s objectives should be acquired only from willing landowners and for the payment full and fair market value for all rights and interests acquired and not through regulatory compulsion and only after analyzing and considering the impacts of such land acquisitions on the well-being, health, safety, welfare, economy and culture of Haskell County, its businesses and its citizens.
7. The Board shall send a copy of this Resolution to the Department of Interior and all other relevant Federal and State agencies.

Dated this 8th day of November 2021.

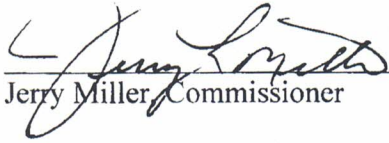
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Haskell County, Kansas




Marcus Rogge, Chairman



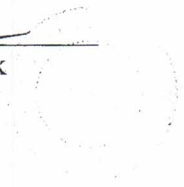
Chuck Lozar, Commissioner



Jerry Miller, Commissioner

Attest: 

Pam Carrion, County Clerk



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS
RESOLUTION 2022-R6
RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S "30 X 30" LAND PRESERVATION GOAL

WHEREAS, Kingman County is a legal and political subdivision of the State of Kansas for which the Board of County Commissioners ("Board") is authorized to act; and

WHEREAS, designating lands as wilderness does not assure its preservation. Left in an undisturbed or natural state, these lands are highly susceptible to wildland wildfires, insect infestation and disease, all of which degrades the natural and human environment; and

WHEREAS, because of the predominance of federal land in Kingman County, the well-being, health, safety, welfare, economic condition, and culture of the County, its businesses, and its citizens depend on the manner in which these lands and their resources are used and access to these lands, and

WHEREAS, many of Kingman County's businesses and its citizens are involved in or otherwise depend on industries that utilize federal lands and their resources, including recreational industries, hunting and other outdoor recreation, and

WHEREAS, these industries are important components of the Kansas economy, and are major contributors to the economic and social well being of Kingman County and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2021, President Joseph R. Biden, Jr., issued Executive Order 14008 entitled Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad (86 Fed. Reg. 7, 619); and

WHEREAS, in Section 216 of Executive Order 14008, President Biden directed the Secretary of Interior, in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture and other senior officials, to develop a program to conserve at least 30 percent of the lands and waters in the United States by 2030, which is called the "30 X 30" program; and

WHEREAS, under the 30 X 30 program, some 680 million acres of our Nation's lands would be set aside and permanently preserved in its natural state, preventing the productive use of these lands and their resources; and

WHEREAS, there is no constitutional or statutory authority for the President, the Department of the Interior, the Department of Agriculture, or any other federal agency to set aside and permanently preserve 30 percent of all land and water in the United States, and no such authority is referenced in Executive Order 14008; and

WHEREAS, the 30 X 30 program, if implemented, is likely to cause significant harm to the economy of Kingman County, and injure the County's businesses and its citizens by depriving them of access to public lands and preventing the productive use of these lands' resources, and

WHEREAS, the withdrawal of some 680 million acres of federal lands from multiple use and placement of such lands in permanent conservation status will cause dramatic and irreversible harm to the economies of many western states, including Kansas, and in particular rural counties such as Kingman County; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 14008 at 216(a) directs the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with other relevant federal agencies to “submit a report to the Task Force within 90 days of the date of this order recommending steps that the United States should take, working with State, local, Tribal, and territorial governments, agricultural and forest landowners, fishermen, and other key stakeholders, to achieve the goal of conserving at least 30 percent of our lands and waters by 2030.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Kingman County, Kansas, as follows:

1. The Board opposes the 30 X 30 program, including its objective of permanently preserving 30 percent of the Nation’s lands in its natural state by 2030, or any similar program that will set aside and prevent the productive use of millions of acres of our lands.
2. The Board further opposes the designation of public lands in Kingman County as wilderness, wilderness study areas, wildlife preserves, open space, or other conservative land, thereby restricting public access to such lands and preventing the development and productive use of the resources on or within such lands.
3. The Board supports the continued management of the public lands under principles of multiple use and sustained yield, recognizing the Nation’s need for domestic sources of minerals, energy, timber, food, and fiber, and in careful coordination with Kingman County to ensure consistency with County land use plans and land management policies, as required by law.
4. The Board supports maintaining and enhancing public access to public lands and opposes road closures, road decommissioning, moratoria on road construction, and other limitations on public access for the purpose of fulfilling the 30 X 30 program’s objectives.
5. The Board recognizes and supports the State of Kansas’s water rights system, including the doctrine of prior appropriation and other state laws and programs governing water rights and water use, and opposes any federal designation of waters and watercourses within the County that would impair or restrict water diversions and uses authorized under Kansas law.
6. The Board supports reasonable national, regional, and global greenhouse gas emissions policies and goals that are comprehensive, practical, cost-effective, and do not unnecessarily single out specific industries or activities, but opposes the use of global climate change as an excuse to set aside large tracts of land as preserves or open space to fulfill the 30 X 30 program’s objectives.
7. The Board maintains that the designation of public lands as wilderness, wilderness study areas, wildlife preserves, open space, or other conservation land to fulfill the

30 X 30 program's objectives may lawfully occur, if at all, only through the planning process mandated by the Federal Land Management and Policy Act (for public lands) or the National Forest Management Act (for national forest lands), including public notice and an opportunity to comment, analysis and disclosure of the impacts of such land acquisitions on the well-being, health, safety, welfare, economy, and culture of Kingman County, its businesses, and its citizens, and careful coordination with Kingman County to ensure consistency with County land use plans and land management policies.

8. The Board also maintains that any non-federal lands or other rights that are acquired to fulfill the 30 X 30 program's objectives should be acquired only from willing landowners and for the payment full and fair market value for all rights and interests acquired, and not through regulatory compulsion, and only after analyzing and considering the impacts of such land acquisitions on the well-being, health, safety, welfare, economy, and culture of Kingman County, its businesses, and its citizens.
9. The Board shall send a copy of this Resolution to the Department of Interior, Department of Agriculture and all other relevant Federal and State agencies.

DATED this 28th day of February, 2022.

ATTEST:



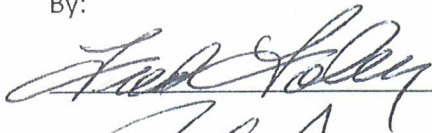
County Clerk

(Carol D. Noblit)



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF KINGMAN COUNTY, STATE OF KANSAS

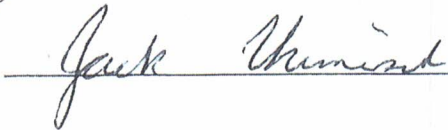
By:



Fred Foley, Chairman



Jerry Henning, Commissioner



Jack Thimesch, Commissioner

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LINN COUNTY, KANSAS

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-25

RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S "30 X 30" LAND PRESERVATION GOAL

WHEREAS, Linn County is a legal and political subdivision of the State of Kansas for which the Board of County Commissioners ("Board") is authorized to act; and

WHEREAS, designating lands as wilderness does not assure its preservation. Left in an undisturbed or natural state, these lands are highly susceptible to wildland wildfires, insect infestation and disease, all of which degrades the natural and human environment; and

WHEREAS, because of the predominance of federal land in Linn County, the well-being, health, safety, welfare, economic condition, and culture of the County, its businesses, and its citizens depend on the manner in which these lands and their resources are used and access to these lands, and

WHEREAS, many of Linn County's businesses and its citizens are involved in or otherwise depend on industries that utilize federal lands and their resources, including recreational industries, hunting and other outdoor recreation, and

WHEREAS, these industries are important components of the Kansas economy, and are major contributors to the economic and social wellbeing of Linn County and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2021, President Joseph R. Biden, Jr., issued Executive Order 14008 entitled Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad (86 Fed. Reg. 7,619); and

WHEREAS, in Section 216 of Executive Order 14008, President Biden directed the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture and other senior officials, to develop a program to conserve at least 30 percent of the lands and waters in the United States by 2030, which is called the "30 x 30" program; and

WHEREAS, under the 30 x 30 program, some 680 million acres of our Nation's lands would be set aside and permanently preserved in its natural state, preventing the productive use of these lands and their resources; and

WHEREAS, there is no constitutional or statutory authority for the President, the Department of the Interior, the Department of Agriculture, or any other federal agency to set aside and permanently preserve 30 percent of all land and water in the United States, and no such authority is referenced in Executive Order 40008; and

WHEREAS, the 30 x 30 program, if implemented, is likely to cause significant harm to the economy of Linn County, and injure the County's businesses and its citizens by depriving them of access to public lands and preventing the productive use of these lands' resources, and

WHEREAS, the withdrawal of some 680 million acres of federal lands from multiple use and placement of such lands in permanent conservation status will cause dramatic and irreversible harm to the economies of many western states, including Kansas, and in particular rural counties such as Linn County; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 140008 at 216(a) directs the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with other relevant federal agencies to "submit a report to the Task Force within 90 days of the date of this order recommending steps that the United States should take, working with State, local, Tribal, and territorial governments, agricultural and forest landowners, fishermen, and other key stakeholders, to achieve the goal of conserving at least 30 percent of our lands and waters by 2030."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Linn County, Kansas, as follows:

1. The Board opposes the 30 x 30 program, including its objective of permanently preserving 30 percent of the Nation's lands in its natural state by 2030, or any similar program that will set aside and prevent the productive use of millions of acres of our lands.
2. The Board further opposes the designation of public lands and national forests in Linn County as wilderness, wilderness study areas, wildlife preserves, open space, or other conservative land, thereby restricting public access to such lands and preventing the development and productive use of the resources on or within such lands.
3. The Board supports the continued management of the public lands and the national forests under principles of multiple use and sustained yield, recognizing the Nation's need for domestic sources of minerals, energy, timber, food, and fiber, and in careful coordination with Linn County to ensure consistency with County land use plans and land management policies, as required by law.
4. The Board supports maintaining and enhancing public access to public lands and national forests and opposes road closures, road decommissioning, moratoria on road construction, and other limitations on public access for the purpose of fulfilling the 30 x 30 program's objectives.
5. The Board recognizes and supports the State of Kansas's water rights system, including the doctrine of prior appropriation and other state laws and programs governing water rights and water use, and opposes any federal designation of waters and watercourses within the County that would impair or restrict water diversions and uses authorized under Kansas law.
6. The Board supports reasonable national, regional, and global greenhouse gas emissions policies and goals that are comprehensive, practical, cost-effective, and do not unnecessarily single out specific industries or activities, but opposes the use of global climate change as an excuse to set aside large tracts of land as preserves or open space to fulfill the 30 x 30 program's objectives.

7. The Board maintains that the designation of public lands and national forest lands as wilderness, wilderness study areas, wildlife preserves, open space, or other conservation land to fulfill the 30 x 30 program's objectives may lawfully occur, if at all, only through the planning process mandated by the Federal Land Management and Policy Act (for public lands) or the National Forest Management Act (for national forest lands), including public notice and an opportunity to comment, analysis and disclosure of the impacts of such land acquisitions on the well-being, health, safety, welfare, economy, and culture of Linn County, its businesses, and its citizens, and careful coordination with Linn County to ensure consistency with County land use plans and land management policies.

8. The Board also maintains that any non-federal lands or other rights that are acquired to fulfill the 30 x 30 program's objectives should be acquired only from willing landowners and for the payment full and fair market value for all rights and interests acquired, and not through regulatory compulsion, and only after analyzing and considering the impacts of such land acquisitions on the well-being, health, safety, welfare, economy, and culture of Linn County, its businesses, and its citizens.

9. The Board shall send a copy of this Resolution to the Department of Interior, Department of Agriculture and all other relevant Federal and State agencies; and

DATED this 7th day of September, 2021.

ATTEST:

David L. Lamb (David Lamb)
Clerk of the Board



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LINN COUNTY, STATE OF KANSAS

By: [Signature] Rick James, Chairman

[Signature] Danny McCullough, Member

[Signature] Jim Johnson, Member

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-07

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LOGAN COUNTY, KANSAS

RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S "30 X30" LAND PRESERVATION GOAL

WHEREAS, Logan County is a legal and political subdivision of the State of Kansas for which the Board of County Commissioners ("Board") is authorized to act; and

WHEREAS designating lands as wilderness does not assure its preservation. Left in an undisturbed or natural state, these lands are highly susceptible to wildland wildfires, insect infestation and disease, all of which degrades the natural and human environment; and

WHEREAS, because of the predominance of federal land in Logan County, the well-being, health, safety, welfare, economic condition, and culture of the County, its businesses, and its citizens depend on the manner in which these lands and their resources are used and access to these lands, and

WHEREAS, many of Logan County's businesses and its citizens are involved in or otherwise depend on industries that utilize federal lands and their resources, including recreational industries, hunting and other outdoor recreation, and

WHEREAS, these industries are important components of the Kansas economy, and are major contributors to the economic and social wellbeing of Logan County and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2021, President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. issued Executive Order 14008 entitled Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad (86 Fed. Reg. 7,619); and

WHEREAS, in Section 216 of Executive Order 14008, President Biden directed the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture and other senior officials, to develop a program to conserve at least 30 percent of the lands and waters in the United States by 2030, which is called the "30 x 30" program; and

WHEREAS, under the 30 x 30 program, some 680 million acres of our Nation's lands would be set aside and permanently preserved in its natural state, preventing the productive use of these lands and their resources; and

WHEREAS, there is no constitutional or statutory authority for the President, the Department of the Interior, the Department of Agriculture, or *any* other federal agency to set aside and permanently preserve 30 percent of all land and water in the United States, and no such authority is referenced in Executive Order 40008; and

WHEREAS, the 30 x 30 program, if implemented, is likely to cause significant harm to the economy of Logan County, and injure the County's businesses and its citizens by depriving them of access to public lands and preventing the productive use of these lands' resources, and

WHEREAS, the withdrawal of some 680 million acres of federal lands from multiple use and placement of such lands in permanent conservation status will cause dramatic and irreversible harm to the economies of many western states, including Kansas, and in particular rural counties such as Logan County; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 140008 at 216(a) directs the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with other relevant federal agencies to "submit a report to the Task Force within 90 days of the date of this order recommending steps that the United States should take, working with State, local, Tribal, and territorial governments, agricultural and forest landowners, fishermen, and other key stakeholders, to achieve the goal of conserving at least 30 percent of our lands and waters by 2030."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Logan County, Kansas, as follows:

1. The Board opposes the 30 x 30 program, including its objective of permanently preserving 30 percent of the Nation's lands in its natural state by 2030, or any similar program that will set aside and prevent the productive use of millions of acres of our lands.
2. The Board further opposes the designation of public lands and national forests in Logan County as wilderness, wilderness study areas, wildlife preserves, open space, or other conservative land, thereby restricting public access to such lands and preventing the development and productive use of the resources on or within such lands.
3. The Board supports the continued management of the public lands and the national forests under principles of multiple use and sustained yield, recognizing the Nation's need for domestic sources of minerals, energy, timber, food, and fiber, and in careful coordination with Logan County to ensure consistency with County land use plans and land management policies, as required by law.
4. The Board supports maintaining and enhancing public access to public lands and national forests and opposes road closures, road decommissioning, moratoria on road construction, and other limitations on public access for the purpose of fulfilling the 30 x 30 program's objectives.
5. The Board recognizes and supports the State of Kansas's water rights system, including the doctrine of prior appropriation and other state laws and programs governing water rights and water use, and opposes any federal designation of waters and watercourses within the County that would impair or restrict water diversions and uses authorized under Kansas law.
6. The Board supports reasonable national, regional, and global greenhouse gas emissions policies and goals that are comprehensive, practical, cost-effective, and do not unnecessarily single out specific industries or activities but opposes the use of global climate change as an excuse to set aside large tracts of land as preserves or open space to fulfill the 30 x 30 program's objectives.

7. The Board maintains that the designation of public lands and national forest lands as wilderness, wilderness study areas, wildlife preserves, open space, or other conservation land to fulfill the 30 x 30 program's objectives may lawfully occur, if at all, only through the planning process mandated by the Federal Land Management and Policy Act (for public lands) or the National Forest Management Act (for national forest lands), including public notice and an opportunity to comment, analysis and disclosure of the impacts of such land acquisitions on the well-being, health, safety, welfare, economy, and culture of Logan County, its businesses, and its citizens, and careful coordination with Logan County to ensure consistency with County land use plans and land management policies.

8. The Board also maintains that any non-federal lands or other rights that are acquired to fulfill the 30 x 30 program's objectives should be acquired only from willing landowners and for the payment full and fair market value for all rights and interests acquired, and not through regulatory compulsion, and only after analyzing and considering the impacts of such land acquisitions on the well-being, health, safety, welfare, economy, and culture of Logan County, its businesses, and its citizens.

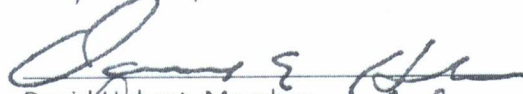
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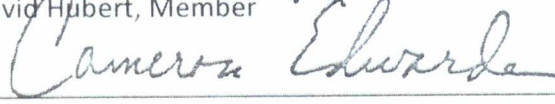
Adopted and passed this 22nd day of February, 2022 at Oakley, Kansas.

LOGAN COUNTY BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

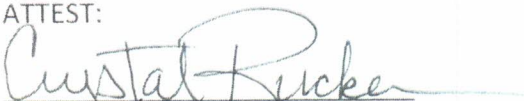



Cody Younkin, Chairman


David Hubert, Member


Cameron Edwards, Member

ATTEST:


Crystal Rucker, County Clerk

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, NEOSHO COUNTY, KANSAS RESOLUTION

NO. R-22-F

RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S "30X30" LAND
PERSERVATION GOAL

WHEREAS, Neosho County is a legal and political subdivision of the State of Kansas for which the Board of County Commissioners ("Board") is authorized to act; and

WHEREAS, designating lands as wilderness does not assure its preservation. Left in an undisturbed or natural state, these lands are highly susceptible to wildland wildfires, insect infestation and disease, all of which degrades the natural and human environment; and

WHEREAS, the well-being, health, safety, welfare, economic condition, and culture of the Neosho County, its businesses, and its citizens depend on the manner in which real estate in Neosho County is used and access to these lands, and

WHEREAS, many of Neosho County's businesses and its citizens are involved in or otherwise depend on industries that utilize Neosho County real estate and its resources, including recreational industries, hunting and other outdoor recreation, and

WHEREAS, these industries are important components of the Kansas economy, and are major contributors to the economic and social wellbeing of Neosho County and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2021 President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. issued Executive Order 14008 entitled Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad (86 Fed. Reg. 7,619); and

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WHEREAS, under the 30 x 30 program, some 680 million acres of our Nation's lands would be set aside and permanently preserved in its natural state, preventing the productive use of these lands and their resources; and

WHEREAS, there is no constitutional or statutory authority for the President, the Department of the Interior, the Department of Agriculture, or any other federal agency to set aside and permanently preserve 30 percent of all land and water in the Untied States, and no such authority is referenced in Executive Order 14008; and

WHEREAS, the 30 x 30 program, if implemented, is likely to cause a significant harm to the economy of Neosho County, and injure the County's businesses and its citizens by depriving them of access to public lands and preventing the productive use of these lands' resources; and

WHEREAS, the withdrawal of some 680 million acres of federal lands from multiple use and placement of such lands in permanent conservation status will cause dramatic and irreversible

harm the economies of many western states, including Kansas, and in particular rural counties such as Neosho County; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 14008 at 216(a) directs the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with other relevant federal agencies to “submit a report to the Task Force with 90 days of the date of this order recommending steps that the United States should take, working with State, local, Tribal, and territorial governments, agricultural and forest landowners, fishermen, and other key stakeholders, to achieve the goal conserving at least 30 percent of our lands and waters by 2030.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Neosho County, Kansas, as follows:

1. The Board opposes the 30 x 30 program, including its objective of permanently preserving 30 percent of the Nation’s lands in its natural state by 2030, or any similar program that will set aside and prevent the productive use of millions of acres of our lands.
2. The Board further opposes the designation of public lands and national forests in Neosho County as wilderness, wilderness study areas, wildlife preserves, open space, or other conservative land, thereby restricting public access to such lands preventing the development and productive use of the resources on or within such lands.
3. The Board supports the continued management of the public lands and the national forests under principles of multiple use and sustained yield, recognizing the Nation’s need for domestic sources of minerals, energy, timber, food, and fiber, and in careful coordination with Neosho County to ensure consistency with County land use plans and land management policies, as required by law.
4. The Board supports maintaining and enhancing public access to public lands and national forests and opposes road closures, road decommissioning, moratoria on road construction, and other limitations on public access for the purpose of fulfilling the 30 x 30 program’s objectives.
5. The Board recognizes and supports the State of Kansas’s water rights system, including the doctrine of prior appropriation and other state laws and programs governing water rights and water use, and opposes any federal designation of waters and watercourses within the County that would impair or restrict water diversions and uses authorized under Kansas law.
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7. The Board maintains that the designation of public lands and national forest lands as wilderness, wilderness study areas, wildlife preserves, open space, or other conservation land to fulfill the 30 x 30 program’s objectives may lawfully occur, if at all, only through the planning process mandated by the Federal Land Management and Policy Act (for public lands) or the National Forest Management Act (for national forest lands), including public notice and an

opportunity to comment, analysis and disclosure of the impacts of such land acquisitions on the well-being, health, safety, welfare, economy, and culture of Neosho County, its businesses, and its citizens, and careful coordination with Neosho County to ensure consistency with County land use plans and land management policies.

8. The Board also maintains that any non-federal lands or other rights that are acquired to fulfill the 30 x 30 program's objectives should be acquired only from willing landowners and for the payment full and fair market value for all rights and interests acquired, and not through regulatory compulsion, and only after analyzing and considering the impacts of such land acquisitions on the well-being, health, safety, welfare, economy, and culture of Neosho County, its businesses, and its citizens.

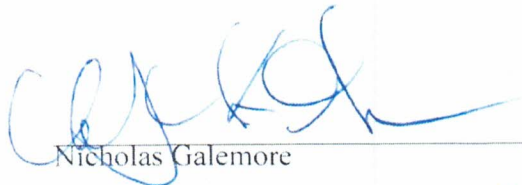
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DATED this 10th day of May, 2022.

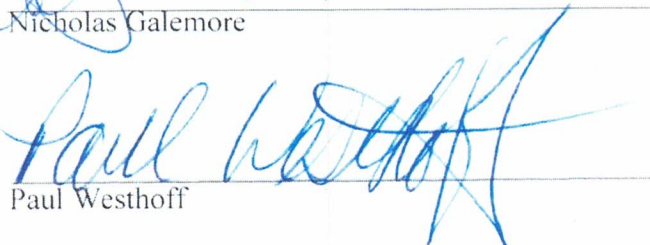
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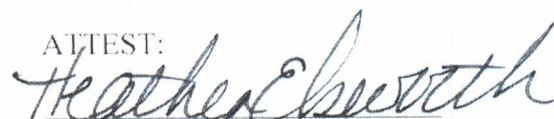
Gail Klaassen



Nicholas Galemore



Paul Westhoff

ATTEST:


Heather Elsworth, Neosho County Clerk



Norton County

Passed a
resolution.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2021-45

A DECLARATORY RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S "30 X 30" LAND PRESERVATION GOAL

WHEREAS, Republic County is a legal and political subdivision of the State of Kansas for which the Board of County Commissioners ("Board") is authorized to act; and

WHEREAS, Republic County containing about 46,080 acres of land situated in North Central Kansas; and

WHEREAS, the federal government owns 0% of the land within the County, and zero acres of these federal land; and

WHEREAS, designating lands as wilderness does not assure its preservation. Left in an undisturbed or natural state, these lands are highly susceptible to wildland wildfires, insect infestation and disease, all of which degrades the natural and human environment; and

WHEREAS, the well- being, health, safety, welfare, economic condition, and culture of the County, its businesses, and its citizens depend on private land ownership and the use of these resources; and

WHEREAS, many of Republic County's businesses and its citizens are involved in or otherwise depend on industries that utilize private lands and their resources, including livestock grazing, recreational industries, hunting and other outdoor recreation; and

WHEREAS, these industries are important components of the Kansas economy, and are major contributors to the economic and social wellbeing of Republic County and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2021, President Joseph R. Biden, Jr., issued Executive Order 14008 entitled Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Aboard (86 Fed. Reg. 7,619); and

WHEREAS, in Section 216 of Executive Order 14008, President Biden directed the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture and other senior officials, to develop a program to conserve at least 30 percent of the lands and waters in the United States by 2030, which is called the "30 x 30" program; and

WHEREAS, under the 30 x 30 program, some 680 million acres of our Nation's lands would be set aside and permanently preserved in its natural state, preventing the productive use of these lands and their resources; and

WHEREAS, there is no constitutional or statutory authority for the President, the Department of the Interior, the Department of Agriculture, or any other federal agency to set aside and permanently preserve 30 percent of all land and water in the United States, and no such authority is referenced in Executive Order 14008; and

WHEREAS, placing private lands into permanent conservation status will cause dramatic and irreversible harm to the economies of many states, including Kansas, and in particular rural counties such as Republic County whose citizens depend on private lands for their livelihoods; and

WHEREAS, the 30 x 30 program, if implemented, will conflict with the plans, policies and programs of Republic County; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 14008 at 216(a) directs the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with other relevant federal agencies to "submit a report to the Task Force within 90 days of the date of this order recommending steps that the United States should take, working with State, local, Tribal, and territorial governments, agricultural and forest landowners, fishermen, and other key stakeholders, to achieve the goal of conserving at least 30 percent of our lands and waters by 2030."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Republic County, Kansas, as follows:

1. The Board opposes the 30 x 30 program, including its objective of permanently preserving 30 percent of the Nation's lands in its natural state by 2030, or any similar program that will set aside and prevent the productive use of millions of acres of our lands.
2. The Board further opposes the designation of lands in Republic County as wilderness, wilderness study areas, wildlife preserves, open space, or other conservation land, thereby restricting public access to such lands and preventing the development and productive use of the resources on or within such lands.
3. The Board supports the continued private ownership of land in the County, recognizing the Nation's need for domestic sources of minerals, energy, timber, food, and fiber.

4. The Board recognizes and supports the State of Kansas water rights system, and other state laws and programs governing water rights and water use, and opposes any federal designation of waters and watercourses within the County that would impair or restrict water diversions and uses authorized under Kansas law.

5. The Board supports reasonable national, regional, and global greenhouse gas emissions policies and goals that are comprehensive, practical, cost-effective, and do not unnecessarily single out specific industries or activities, but opposes the use of global climate change as an excuse to set aside large tracts of land as preserves or open space to fulfill the 30 x 30 program's objectives.

6. The Board also maintains that any lands or other rights that are acquired to fulfill the 30 x 30 program's objectives should be acquired only from willing landowners and for the payment full and fair market value for all rights and interests acquired, and not through regulatory compulsion, and only after analyzing and considering the impacts of such land acquisitions on the well-being, health, safety, welfare, economy, and culture of Republic County, its businesses, and its citizens.

7. The Board shall send a copy of this Resolution to the Department of Interior and all other relevant Federal and State agencies.

DATED this 20 day of December, 2021.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF REPUBLIC COUNTY, KANSAS

Melvin Jeardoe
Melvin Jeardoe – Chairperson

Edwin Splichal
Edwin Splichal – Member

Doug Garman
Doug Garman – Member

ATTEST:



Kathleen L. Marsicek
Kathleen L. Marsicek
Republic County Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 21- 5

RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S "30 X 30" LAND PRESERVATION GOAL

WHEREAS, Russell is a legal and political subdivision of the State of Kansas for which the Board of County Commissioners ("Board") is authorized to act; and

WHEREAS, Russell County contains approximately 575,360 acres of land situated in Central Kansas; and

WHEREAS, the federal government owns approximately 3.8% of the land within the County, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is responsible for managing over 22,000 acres of these federal lands; and

WHEREAS, Wilson Lake/Reservoir, Wilson State Parks, and Wilson Wildlife Area are located in Russell County; and

WHEREAS, designating lands as wilderness does not assure its preservation. Left in an undisturbed or natural state, these lands are highly susceptible to wildland wildfires, insect infestation and disease, all of which degrades the natural and human environment; and

WHEREAS, the well-being, health, safety, welfare, economic condition, and culture of the County, its businesses, and its citizens depend on private land ownership and the use of these resources; and

WHEREAS, many of Russell County's businesses and its citizens are involved in or otherwise depend on industries that utilize private lands and their resources, including farming, livestock grazing, oil and gas exploration and production, mining and mineral development, recreational industries, hunting and other outdoor recreation; and

WHEREAS, these industries are important components of the Kansas economy, and are major contributors to the economic and social wellbeing of Russell County and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2021, President Joseph R. Biden, Jr., issued Executive Order 14008 entitled Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Aboard (86 Fed. Reg. 7,619); and

WHEREAS, in Section 216 of Executive Order 14008, President Biden directed the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture and other senior officials, to develop a program to conserve at least 30 percent of the lands and waters in the United States by 2030, which is called the "30 x 30" program; and

WHEREAS, under the 30 x 30 program, some 680 million acres of our Nation's lands would be set aside and permanently preserved in its natural state, preventing the productive use of these lands and their resources; and

WHEREAS, there is no constitutional or statutory authority for the President, the Department of the Interior, the Department of Agriculture, or any other federal agency to set

aside and permanently preserve 30 percent of all land and water in the United States, and no such authority is referenced in Executive Order 14008; and

WHEREAS, placing private lands into permanent conservation status will cause dramatic and irreversible harm to the economies of many states, including Kansas, and in particular rural counties such as Russell County whose citizens depend on private lands for their livelihoods; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 14008 at 216(a) directs the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with other relevant federal agencies to "submit a report to the Task Force within 90 days of the date of this order recommending steps that the United States should take, working with State, local, Tribal, and territorial governments, agricultural and forest landowners, fishermen, and other key stakeholders, to achieve the goal of conserving at least 30 percent of our lands and waters by 2030."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Russell County, Kansas, as follows:

1. The Board opposes the 30 x 30 program, including its objective of permanently preserving 30 percent of the Nation's lands in its natural state by 2030, or any similar program that will set aside and prevent the productive use of millions of acres of our lands.
2. The Board further opposes the designation of lands in Russell County as wilderness, wilderness study areas, wildlife preserves, open space, or other conservation land, thereby restricting public access to such lands and preventing the development and productive use of the resources on or within such lands.
3. The Board supports the continued private ownership of land in the County, recognizing the Nation's need for domestic sources of minerals, energy, timber, food, and fiber.
4. The Board recognizes and supports the State of Kansas's water rights system, including the doctrine of prior appropriation and other state laws and programs governing water rights and water use, and opposes any federal designation of waters and watercourses within the County that would impair or restrict water diversions and uses authorized under Kansas law.
5. The Board supports reasonable national, regional, and global greenhouse gas emissions policies and goals that are comprehensive, practical, cost-effective, and do not unnecessarily single out specific industries or activities, but opposes the use of global climate change as an excuse to set aside large tracts of land as preserves or open space to fulfill the 30 x 30 program's objectives.
6. The Board also maintains that any lands or other rights that are acquired to fulfill the 30 x 30 program's objectives should be acquired only from willing landowners and for the payment of full and fair market value for all rights and interests acquired, and not through regulatory compulsion, and only after analyzing and considering the impacts of such land acquisitions on the well-being, health, safety, welfare, economy, and culture of Russell County, its businesses, and its citizens.

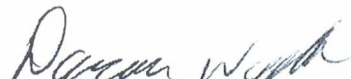
7. The Board shall send a copy of this Resolution to the Department of Interior and all other relevant Federal and State agencies.

DATED this 19th day of April, 2021.

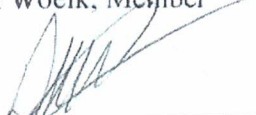
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RUSSELL COUNTY, KANSAS



Steve Reinhardt, Chairman




Daron Woelk, Member



Duke Strobel, Member

ATTEST:





Mary K. Nuss
Russell County Clerk

Approved 7/2/21

RESOLUTION NO. 21-33
A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S
30X30 PRESERVATION GOAL

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS, as follows:

WHEREAS Sheridan County is a legal and political subdivision of the State of Kansas for which the Board of County Commissioners ("Board") is authorized to act; and

WHEREAS Sheridan County contains approximately 655,360 acres of land situated in Kansas; and

WHEREAS the federal government owns less than one-half percent (1/2%) of the land within the County and there are no federal lands within Sheridan County; and

WHEREAS designating lands as wilderness does not assure its preservation. Left in an undisturbed or natural state, these lands are highly susceptible to wildland wildfires, insect infestation and disease, all of which degrades the natural and human environment; and

WHEREAS the well-being, health, safety, welfare, economic condition and culture of the County, its businesses and its citizens depend on private land ownership and the use of these resources; and

WHEREAS many of Sheridan County's businesses and its citizens are involved in or otherwise depend on industries that utilize private lands and their resources, including livestock grazing, oil and gas exploration and production, hunting and other outdoor recreation; and

WHEREAS these industries are important components of the Kansas economy and are major contributors to the economic and social wellbeing of Sheridan County and its citizens; and

WHEREAS on January 27, 2021, President Joseph R. Biden, Jr., issued Executive Order 14008 entitled Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Aboard (86 Fed. Reg. 7,619); and

WHEREAS in Section 216 of Executive Order 14008, President Biden directed the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture and other senior officials, to develop a program to conserve at least 30 percent of the land and waters in the United States by 2030, which is called the "30 x 30" program; and

WHEREAS under the 30 x 30 program, some 680 million acres of our Nation's lands would be set aside and permanently preserved in its natural state, preventing the productive use of these lands and their resources; and

WHEREAS there is no constitutional or statutory authority for the President, the Department of the Interior, the Department of Agriculture or any other federal agency to set aside and permanently preserve 30 percent of all land and water in the United States and no such authority is referenced in Executive Order 14008; and

WHEREAS placing private lands into permanent conservation status will cause dramatic and irreversible harm to the economies of many states including Kansas and in particular rural counties such as Sheridan County whose citizens depend on private lands for their livelihoods; and

WHEREAS Executive Order 14008 at 216(a) directs the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with other relevant federal agencies to "submit a report to the Task Force within 90 days of the date of this Order recommending steps that the United States should take, working with State, local, Tribal and territorial governments, agricultural and forest landowners, fisherman and other key stakeholders, to achieve the goal of conserving at least 30 percent of our lands and waters by 2030."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sheridan County, Kansas, as follows:

1. The board opposes the 30 x 30 program, including its objective of permanently preserving 30 percent of the Nation's lands in its natural state by 2030, or any similar program that will set aside and prevent the productive use of millions of acres of our lands.
2. The board further opposes the designation of lands in Sheridan County as wilderness, wilderness study areas, wildlife preserves, open space or other conservation land, thereby restricting public access to such lands and preventing the development and productive use of the resources on or within such lands.
3. The board supports the continued private ownership of land in the County, recognizing the Nation's need for domestic sources of minerals, energy, timber, food and fiber.
4. The board recognizes and supports the State of Kansas' water rights system and other state laws and programs governing water rights and water use and opposes any federal designation of waters and watercourses within the County that would impair or restrict water diversions and uses authorized under Kansas law.
5. The Board supports reasonable national, regional and global greenhouse gas emissions policies and goals that are comprehensive, practical, cost-effective and do not unnecessarily single out specific industries or activities but opposes the use of global climate change as an excuse to set aside large tracts of land as preserves or open space to fulfill the 30 x 30 program's objectives.

6. The Board also maintains that any lands or other rights that are acquired to fulfill the 30 x 30 program's objectives should be acquired only from willing landowners and for the payment full and fair market value for all rights and interests acquired and not through regulatory compulsion and only after analyzing and considering the impacts of such land acquisitions on the well-being, health, safety, welfare, economy and culture of Sheridan County, its businesses and its citizens.
7. The Board shall send a copy of this Resolution to the Department of Interior and all other relevant Federal and State agencies.

Dated this _____ day of April 2021.

Board of Commissioners
Sheridan County, Kansas

Wesley Bainter, Chairman

Joe Bainter, Commissioner

Mike "Buck" Mader, Commissioner

Attest: _____
Heather Bracht, County Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 21- 12

RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S "30 X 30" LAND PRESERVATION GOAL

WHEREAS, Trego County is a legal and political subdivision of the State of Kansas for which the Board of County Commissioners ("Board") is authorized to act; and

WHEREAS, Trego County contains approximately 576,000 acres of land situated in Northwest Kansas; and

WHEREAS, the federal government owns approximately 2.6% of the land within the County, and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation is responsible for managing over 14,864 acres of these federal lands; and

WHEREAS, Cedar Bluff Lake/Reservoir, Cedar Bluff State Park, and Cedar Bluff Wildlife Area are located in Trego County; and

WHEREAS, designating lands as wilderness does not assure its preservation. Left in an undisturbed or natural state, these lands are highly susceptible to wildland wildfires, insect infestation and disease, all of which degrades the natural and human environment; and

WHEREAS, the well-being, health, safety, welfare, economic condition, and culture of the County, its businesses, and its citizens depend on private land ownership and the use of these resources; and

WHEREAS, many of Trego County's businesses and its citizens are involved in or otherwise depend on industries that utilize private lands and their resources, including farming, livestock grazing, oil and gas exploration and production, mining and mineral development, recreational industries, hunting and other outdoor recreation; and

WHEREAS, these industries are important components of the Kansas economy, and are major contributors to the economic and social wellbeing of Trego County and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2021, President Joseph R. Biden, Jr., issued Executive Order 14008 entitled Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Aboard (86 Fed. Reg. 7,619); and

WHEREAS, in Section 216 of Executive Order 14008, President Biden directed the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture and other senior officials, to develop a program to conserve at least 30 percent of the lands and waters in the United States by 2030, which is called the "30 x 30" program; and

WHEREAS, under the 30 x 30 program, some 680 million acres of our Nation's lands would be set aside and permanently preserved in its natural state, preventing the productive use of these lands and their resources; and

WHEREAS, there is no constitutional or statutory authority for the President, the Department of the Interior, the Department of Agriculture, or any other federal agency to set aside and permanently preserve 30 percent of all land and water in the United States, and no such authority is referenced in Executive Order 14008; and

WHEREAS, placing private lands into permanent conservation status will cause dramatic and irreversible harm to the economies of many states, including Kansas, and in particular rural counties such as Trego County whose citizens depend on private lands for their livelihoods; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 14008 at 216(a) directs the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with other relevant federal agencies to "submit a report to the Task Force within 90 days of the date of this order recommending steps that the United States should take, working with State, local, Tribal, and territorial governments, agricultural and forest landowners, fishermen, and other key stakeholders, to achieve the goal of conserving at least 30 percent of our lands and waters by 2030."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Trego County, Kansas, as follows:

1. The Board opposes the 30 x 30 program, including its objective of permanently preserving 30 percent of the Nation's lands in its natural state by 2030, or any similar program that will set aside and prevent the productive use of millions of acres of our lands.
2. The Board further opposes the designation of lands in Trego County as wilderness, wilderness study areas, wildlife preserves, open space, or other conservation land, thereby restricting public access to such lands and preventing the development and productive use of the resources on or within such lands.
3. The Board supports the continued private ownership of land in the County, recognizing the Nation's need for domestic sources of minerals, energy, timber, food, and fiber.
4. The Board recognizes and supports the State of Kansas's water rights system, including the doctrine of prior appropriation and other state laws and programs governing water rights and water use, and opposes any federal designation of waters and watercourses within the County that would impair or restrict water diversions and uses authorized under Kansas law.
5. The Board supports reasonable national, regional, and global greenhouse gas emissions policies and goals that are comprehensive, practical, cost-effective, and do not unnecessarily single out specific industries or activities, but opposes the use of global climate change as an excuse to set aside large tracts of land as preserves or open space to fulfill the 30 x 30 program's objectives.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-04

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE LANDOWNER'S RIGHT TO "OPT OUT" NATIONAL HERITAGE AREAS AND OPPOSING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S "30 X30" LAND PRESERVATION GOAL

WHEREAS, Woodson County is a legal and political subdivision of the State of Kansas for which the Board of County Commissioners ("Board") is authorized to act: and

WHEREAS, Congress has designated National Heritage Areas which encompass vast amount of privately held land in order to highlight specific areas of interest. While the Citizens of Woodson County appreciate efforts to encourage economic development, National Heritage Areas would adversely affect private property rights by influencing local officials to pass zoning laws not otherwise needed and by altering well established processes for land use regulation; and

WHEREAS, Citizens of Woodson County oppose blanket designations that put dissenting private landowners in the unreasonable position of having to "opt out" of federally mandated boundaries and interfere with the deeply felt stewardship responsibility of owners who have worked the land over several generations and deprive landowners of there ability to use and enjoy their property as they see fit; and

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2021, President Joseph R. Biden Jr., issued Executive Order 14008 entitled "Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad" (86 Fed. Reg. 7, 619); and

WHEREAS, in Section 216 of Executive Order 14008, President Biden directed the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture and other senior officials to develop a program to conserve at least 30 percent of the lands and waters in the United States by 2030, which is called the "30 X 30" program; and

WHEREAS, under the "30 X 30" program, some 680 millions acres of our Nation's lands would be set aside and permanently preserved in its natural state, preventing the productive use of these lands and their resources; and

WHEREAS, there is no constitutional or statutory authority for the President, the Department of the Interior, the Department of Agriculture, or any other federal agency to set aside and permanently preserve 30 percent of all land and water in the United States, and no such authority is referenced in Executive order 14008; and

WHEREAS, placing private lands into permanent conservation status will cause dramatic and irreversible harm the economies of the Citizens of Woodson County many of the County's businesses and citizens are involved in or otherwise depend on industries that include livestock grazing, oil and gas exploration and production, farming, recreational industries, hunting and fishing and other outdoor recreation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESLOVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Woodson County, Kansas, as follows:

1. The Board opposes Congressional establishment of a National Heritage Area System, that, along with the establishment of new National Heritage Areas, would include current National Heritage Areas such as Freedom's Frontier, National Heritage Corridor, National Heritage Partnership, etc., for the purpose of creating, reviewing or approving management plans by the Department of the Interior or any other Federal Agency and supports the rights of dissenting private landowners to "opt out" of those Areas
2. The Board opposes Executive Order 14008 and specifically Section 216 of Executive Order 14008 which allows the Secretary of Interior, Secretary of Agriculture and other senior officials, to develop a program to conserve at least 30 percent of the lands and waters in the United States by 2030, called the "30 X 30 program.
3. The Board further opposes the designation of public lands and national forests in Woodson County as wilderness, wilderness study areas, wildlife preserves, open space, or other conservation, thereby restricting public access to such lands and preventing the development and productive use of the resources on or within such lands.
4. The Board recognizes and supports the State of Kansas' water rights system and other state laws and programs governing water rights and water use, and opposes any federal designation of waters and watercourses within the County that would impair or restrict water diversions and uses authorized under Kansas Law.
5. The Board also maintains that any non-federal lands or other rights that are acquired to fulfill the 30 X 30 program's objectives should be acquired only from willing landowners and for the payment of full and fair market value of all rights and interests acquired, and not through regulatory compulsion, and only after analyzing and considering the impacts of such land acquisitions on the well-being, health, safety, welfare, economy, and culture of Woodson County, its businesses, and its citizens.
6. The Board supports the continued private ownership of land in Woodson County, recognizing the Nation's need for domestic sources of minerals, energy, timber, food, fiber etc. and supports the private use of land in support of "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness" in accordance with the principles of the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of Kansas.

This resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage by the Board.

DATED this _____ day of _____, 2022.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021 - 27

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE INCLUSION OF ANDERSON COUNTY WITHIN THE
FREEDOM'S FRONTIER NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA ACT**

WHEREAS, the Freedom Frontier National Heritage Area Act (FFNHA) encompasses 41 counties along the Kansas/Missouri border. The FFNHA includes Anderson County, Kansas;

WHEREAS, the 41 counties along the Kansas/Missouri border have a compelling and tragic story to tell about these two states engaged in their own "Border War" during the nation's conflict between north and south;

WHEREAS, on October 12, 2006, President George W. Bush signed enabling legislation establishing the FFNHA for the conservation, interpretation, funding, management, and development of the heritage area;

WHEREAS, a National Heritage Area is a nationally distinctive landscape shaped by natural, cultural, historic and recreational resources, recognized by U.S. Congress and tells a nationally important story through its geography, its man-made structures, and the traditions that have evolved within the landscape;

WHEREAS, Congress has designated area within the FFNHA to include privately held land located within the borders of Anderson County, Kansas. Local leaders, officials and citizens of Coffey County appreciate efforts and goal of a designated National Heritage Area program and its potential to sustain and preserve local cultural and historical heritage while at the same time encouraging economic development, but oppose blanket designations that put dissenting private landowners in the unreasonable position of having to "opt out" of federally mandated boundaries;

WHEREAS, there is additional local concern that the FFNHA will adversely influence local officials to pass zoning laws not otherwise needed in order to accommodate a National Area Heritage Area Management Plan developed by the National Park Service and approved by the Secretary of the Interior, thereby altering well-established processes for land use regulation;

WHEREAS, the FFNHA also involves the potential for interference in local affairs by special interest groups who claim to be stakeholders but who do not have the historical perspective, deeply felt stewardship and responsibility of owners who have developed and worked the land located within the borders of Anderson County over several generations;


WHEREAS, local leaders, officials and citizens of Anderson County are concerned that the FFNHA local vision, mission and guiding principles have the potential chilling effect of depriving landowners of the ability to use and enjoy their property as they see fit;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Anderson County Commissioners hereby formally opposes inclusion of Anderson County, Kansas within the FFNHA designated National Heritage Area.

ADOPTED this 11th day of October 2021, by the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ANDERSON COUNTY, KANSAS.


BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ANDERSON COUNTY, KANSAS

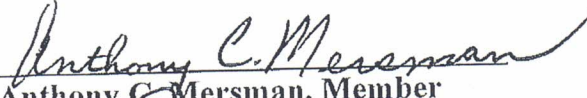
Attest:


Julie Wettstein, County Clerk




Les McGhee, Chairman


David Pracht, Member


Anthony C. Mersman, Member

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF CLAY COUNTY, KANSAS**

RESOLUTION 2021- /1

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE INCLUSION OF CLAY COUNTY WITHIN THE
NATIONAL HERITAGE AREAS DESIGNATED REGION.**

WHEREAS, THE Kansas Nebraska Heritage Area Partnership is pursuing National Heritage Area designation, encompassing 49 counties, (26 in Kansas, 23 in Nebraska, equaling 35,792 square miles) with a total area population of 650,000;

WHEREAS, Congress has designated the National Heritage Areas which encompass vast amounts of privately held land in order to highlight areas of specific interest. Citizens of this county appreciate efforts to encourage economic development, but oppose blanket designations that put dissenting private landowners in the unreasonable position of having to "opt out" of federally mandated boundaries;

WHEREAS, the establishment of the 39-county National Heritage Area would adversely influence local officials to pass zoning laws not otherwise needed in order to accommodate a National Area Heritage Area Management Plan developed by the National Park Service and approved by the Secretary of the Interior, thereby altering well-established processes for land use regulation;

WHEREAS, a National Heritage Area designation invites interference in local affairs by special interest groups who claim to be stakeholders, such as the National Park Service, animal rights activists and environmental groups who do not have the historical perspective, deeply felt stewardship and responsibility of owners who have worked the land over several generations;

WHEREAS, the establishment of a National Heritage Area in order to leverage federal and local matching funds based upon private property, without owner knowledge or consent, illustrates a violation of private property rights; the United States can no longer afford to borrow money to engage in endless expansion of dependency and regulation by the federal government with sunset provisions for NHAs that were never enforced, resulting in chronic dependency rather than free market activity;

WHEREAS, a fundamental interdependence exists between individual liberty and the ability to own property, the citizens of this county are very concerned that a National Heritage Area designation would deprive landowners of the ability to use and enjoy their property as they see fit;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of clay county Commissioners hereby opposes the National Heritage Area designation of the 49-county region aforementioned; and likewise opposed the inclusion of Clay County, Kansas with the 39-county designation map and will not confer upon an unelected regional management entity the ability to establish or influence land use policy within the boundaries of this county.

PASSED THIS 21ST DAY OF JUNE, 2021 BY THE CLAY COUNTY, KANSAS COMMISSIONERS:



Eric A. Carlson

Eric A. Carlson, Chairman

Jerry F. Mayo

Jerry F. Mayo, Member

David M. Thurlow

David M. Thurlow, Member

ATTEST:

Kayla Wang

Kayla Wang, Clay County Clerk

RESOLUTION 2021-13: OPPOSING 49-COUNTY NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

WHEREAS, Kansas Nebraska Heritage Area Partnership is pursuing a National Heritage Area designation encompassing 49 counties, (26 in Kansas, 23 in Nebraska, equaling 35,792 square miles) with a total population of 650,000;

WHEREAS, Congress has designated National Heritage Areas which encompass vast amounts of privately held land in order to highlight areas of specific interest. Citizens of this county appreciate efforts to encourage economic development, but oppose blanket designations that put dissenting private landowners in the unreasonable position of having to "opt out" of federally mandated boundaries;

WHEREAS, the establishment of a 49-county National Heritage Area would adversely influence local officials to pass zoning laws not otherwise needed in order to accommodate a National Heritage Area Management Plan developed by the National Park Service and approved by the Secretary of the Interior, thereby altering well-established processes for land use regulation;

WHEREAS, A National Heritage Area designation invites interference in local affairs by special interest groups who claim to be stakeholders, such as the National Park Service, animal rights activists and environmental groups who do not have the historical perspective or deeply felt stewardship responsibility of owners who have worked the land over several generations.

WHEREAS, the establishment a National Heritage Area in order to leverage federal and local matching funds based upon private property, without owner knowledge or consent, illustrates a violation of private property rights;

WHEREAS, A fundamental interdependence exists between individual liberty and the ability to own property, the citizens of this county are very concerned that a National Heritage Area designation would deprive landowners of their ability to use and enjoy their property as they see fit;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That Cloud County opposes the National Heritage Area designation of the 49-county region aforementioned, and likewise opposes the inclusion of this county within the 49-county designation map and does not wish to confer upon an unelected regional management entity

ADOPTED this 17th day of May, 2021.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS



ATTEST:

Sheva Norman
County Clerk

Gary Caspers
Chairman

Arndt
Member

Tom Copple
Member

RESOLUTION NO. 2021 -- 872

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE INCLUSION OF COFFEY COUNTY WITHIN THE FREEDOM'S FRONTIER NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA ACT

WHEREAS, the Freedom Frontier National Heritage Area Act (FFNHA) encompasses 41 counties along the Kansas/Missouri border. The FFNHA includes Coffey County, Kansas;

WHEREAS, the 41 counties along the Kansas/Missouri border have a compelling and tragic story to tell about these two states engaged in their own "Border War" during the nation's conflict between north and south;

WHEREAS, on October 12, 2006, President George W. Bush signed enabling legislation establishing the FFNHA for the conservation, interpretation, funding, management, and development of the heritage area;

WHEREAS, a National Heritage Area is a nationally distinctive landscape shaped by natural, cultural, historic and recreational resources, recognized by U.S. Congress and tells a nationally important story through its geography, its man-made structures, and the traditions that have evolved within the landscape;

WHEREAS, Congress has designated area within the FFNHA to include privately held land located within the borders of Coffey County, Kansas. Local leaders, officials and citizens of Coffey County appreciate efforts and goal of a designated National Heritage Area program and its potential to sustain and preserve local cultural and historical heritage while at the same time encouraging economic development, but oppose blanket designations that put dissenting private landowners in the unreasonable position of having to "opt out" of federally mandated boundaries;

WHEREAS, there is additional local concern that the FFNHA will adversely influence local officials to pass zoning laws not otherwise needed in order to accommodate a National Area Heritage Area Management Plan developed by the National Park Service and approved by the Secretary of the Interior, thereby altering well-established processes for land use regulation;

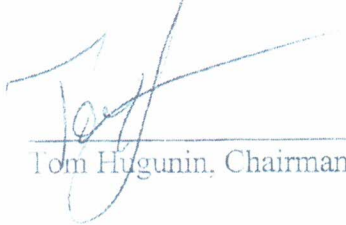
WHEREAS, the FFNHA also involves the potential for interference in local affairs by special interest groups who claim to be stakeholders but who do not have the historical perspective, deeply felt stewardship and responsibility of owners who have developed and worked the land located within the borders of Coffey County over several generations;

WHEREAS, local leaders, officials and citizens of Coffey County are concerned that the FFNHA local vision, mission and guiding principles have the potential chilling effect of depriving landowners of the ability to use and enjoy their property as they see fit;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Coffey County Commissioners hereby formally opposes inclusion of Coffey County, Kansas within the FFNHA designated National Heritage Area.

ADOPTED this 28st day of June 2021, by the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COFFEY COUNTY, KANSAS.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF COFFEY COUNTY, KANSAS



Tom Hugunin, Chairman



ATTESTED:

Angie Kirchner by
Angie Kirchner, County Clerk
Denise Humlick
Denise Humlick
Deputy Clerk



Don Meats, Vice Chairman



Robert Saueressig, Commissioner



Tim Johnson, Commissioner



Jesse Knight, Commissioner

RESOLUTION # 2021-15

A resolution opposing a National Heritage Area in Decatur County.

Whereas, Kansas Nebraska Heritage Area Partnership is pursuing a National Heritage Area designation encompassing 49 counties, (26 in Kansas, 23 in Nebraska, equaling 35,792 square miles) with a total population of 650,000:

Whereas, Congress has designated National Heritage Areas which encompass vast amounts of privately held land in order to highlight areas of specific interest. Citizens of this county appreciate efforts to encourage economic development, but oppose blanket designations that put dissenting private landowners in the unreasonable position of having to "opt out" of federally mandated boundaries;

Whereas, the establishment of a 49-county National Heritage Area would adversely influence local officials to pass zoning laws not otherwise needed in order to accommodate a National Heritage Area Management Plan developed by the National Park Service and approved by the Secretary of the Interior, thereby altering well-established processes for land use regulation;

Whereas, A National Heritage Area designation invites interference in local affairs by special interest groups who claim to be stakeholders, such as the National Park Service, animal rights activists and environmental groups who do not have the historical perspective or deeply felt stewardship responsibility of owners who have worked the land over several generations.

Whereas, the establishment a National Heritage Area in order to leverage federal and local matching funds based upon private property, without owner knowledge or consent, illustrates a violation of private property rights; The United States can no longer afford to borrow money to engage in endless expansion of dependency and regulation by the federal government with sunset provisions for NHAs that were never enforced, resulting in chronic dependency rather than free market activity.

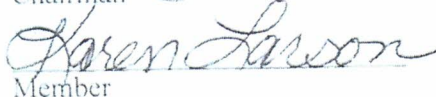
Whereas, A fundamental interdependence exists between individual liberty and the ability to own property, the citizens of this county are very concerned that a National Heritage Area designation would deprive landowners of their ability to use and enjoy their property as they see fit;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Commissioners of Decatur County, Kansas, opposes the National Heritage Area designation of the 49-county region aforementioned, and likewise opposes the inclusion of this county within the 49-county designation map and does not wish to confer upon an unelected regional management entity the ability to establish or influence land use policy within the boundaries of this county.

Passed by the Board of Commissioners of Decatur County, Kansas on this 6 day of April, 2021.

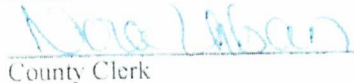
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DECATUR COUNTY, KANSAS


Chairman


Member


Member

Attest:


County Clerk

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF DICKINSON COUNTY, KANSAS**

RESOLUTION # 05 27 21A

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE INCLUSION OF DICKINSON COUNTY WITHIN THE
NATIONAL HERITAGE AREAS DESIGNATED REGION.

WHEREAS, the Kansas Nebraska Heritage Area Partnership is pursuing National Heritage Area designation, encompassing 49 counties. (26 in Kansas, 23 in Nebraska, equaling 35,792 square miles) with a total area population of 650,000:

WHEREAS, Congress has designated the National Heritage Areas which encompass vast amounts of privately held land in order to highlight areas of specific interest. Citizens of this county appreciate efforts to encourage economic development, but oppose blanket designations that put dissenting private landowners in the unreasonable position of having to "opt out" of federally mandated boundaries:

WHEREAS, the establishment of the 49-county National Heritage Area would adversely influence local officials to pass zoning laws not otherwise needed in order to accommodate a National Area Heritage Area Management Plan developed by the National Park Service and approved by the Secretary of the Interior, thereby altering well-established processes for land use regulation:

WHEREAS, a National Heritage Area designation invites interference in local affairs by special interest groups who claim to be stakeholders, such as the National Park Service, animal rights activists and environmental groups who do not have the historical perspective, deeply felt stewardship and responsibility of owners who have worked the land over several generations:

WHEREAS, the establishment of a National Heritage Area in order to leverage federal and local matching funds based upon private property, without owner knowledge or consent, illustrates a violation of private property rights; the United States can no longer afford to borrow money to engage in endless expansion of dependency and regulation by the federal government with sunset provisions for NHAs that were never enforced, resulting in chronic dependency rather than free market activity:

WHEREAS, A fundamental interdependence exists between individual liberty and the ability to own property, the citizens of this county are very concerned that a National Heritage Area designation would deprive landowners of the ability to use and enjoy their property as they see fit:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Dickinson County Commissioners hereby opposes the National Heritage Area designation of the 49-county region aforementioned; and likewise opposes the inclusion of Dickinson County, Kansas

Resolution No: R-2021-09

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF
ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS, Kansas Nebraska Heritage Area Partnership is pursuing a National Heritage Area designation encompassing 49 counties, (26 in Kansas, 23 in Nebraska, equaling 35,792 square miles) with a total population of 650,000;

WHEREAS, Congress has designated National Heritage Areas which encompass vast amounts of privately held land in order to highlight areas of specific interest. Citizens of this county appreciate efforts to encourage economic development, but oppose blanket designations that put dissenting private landowners in the unreasonable position of having to “opt out” of federally mandated boundaries;

WHEREAS, the establishment of a 49-county National Heritage Area would adversely influence local officials to pass zoning laws not otherwise needed in order to accommodate a National Heritage Area Management Plan developed by the National Park Service and approved by the Secretary of the Interior, thereby altering well-established processes for land use regulation;

WHEREAS, a National Heritage Area designation invites interference in local affairs by special interest groups who claim to be stakeholders, such as the National Park Service, animal rights activists and environmental groups who do not have the historical perspective or deeply felt stewardship responsibility of owners who have worked the land over several generations;

WHEREAS, the establishment of a National Heritage Area in order to leverage federal and local matching funds based upon private property, without owner knowledge or consent, illustrates a violation of private property rights; The United States can no longer afford to borrow money to engage in endless expansion of dependency and regulation by the federal government with sunset provisions for NHAs that were never enforced, resulting in chronic dependency rather than free market activity;


WHEREAS, a fundamental interdependence exists between individual liberty and the ability to own property, the citizens of this county are very concerned that a National Heritage Area designation would deprive landowners of their ability to use and enjoy their property as they see fit.

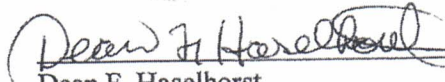
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ELLIS COUNTY, KANSAS, opposes the National Heritage designation of the 49-county region aforementioned, and likewise opposes the inclusion of this county within the 49-county designation map and does not wish to confer upon an unelected regional management entity the ability to establish or influence land use policy within the boundaries of this county.

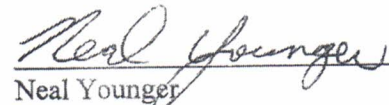
ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Ellis County, Kansas, this 3rd day of May, 2021



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
ELLIS COUNTY, KANSAS


Robert (Butch) Schlyer, Chair


Dean F. Haselhorst


Neal Younger

Attest:


Bobbi L. Dreiling, County Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 21- 4
RESOLUTION OPPOSING PROPOSED KANSAS NEBRASKA NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

WHEREAS; The establishment of a National Heritage Area would adversely affect private property right by influencing local officials to pass zoning laws not otherwise needed and by altering well established processes for land use regulation.

AND WHEREAS; Congress has designated National Heritage Areas which encompass vast amounts of privately held land in order to highlight specific areas of interest. Citizens of Russell County appreciate efforts to encourage economic development, but oppose blanket designations that put dissenting private landowners in the unreasonable position of having to "opt out" of federally mandated boundaries.

AND WHEREAS; A National Heritage Area designation incites interference in local affairs by special interest groups who claim to be stakeholders, such as the National Park Service, the Nature Conservancy, animal rights activists and environmental groups who do not have the historical perspective or deeply felt stewardship responsibility of owners who have worked the land over several generations.

AND WHEREAS; The United States of America can no longer afford to borrow money to engage in endless expansion of dependency and regulation by the federal government. Each of the 49 National Heritage Areas in existence today started out with sunset dates that were never enforced, resulting in chronic dependence rather than free market activity.

AND WHEREAS; A fundamental interdependence exists between individual liberty and the ability to own property, and the citizens of Russell County are very concerned that a National Heritage Area Designation would deprive landowners of their ability to use and enjoy their property as they see fit.

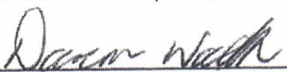
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Russell County Board of County Commissioners opposes the Kansas Nebraska National Heritage Area Designation proposed for Kansas and Nebraska, a/k/a The O'Pioneers NHA and does not wish to confer upon an unelected regional management entity, the ability to establish land use policy within the boundaries of Russell County.

Adopted this 19th day of April, 2021.


BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
RUSSELL COUNTY, KANSAS



Steve Reinhardt, Chairman



Daron Woelk, Member



Duke Strobel, Member



ATTEST:


Mary K. Nuss, County Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 2021R04

RESOLUTION OPPOSING PROPOSED
KANSAS NEBRASKA HERITAGE AREA PARTNERSHIP

WHEREAS, a non-elected self-appointed board is proposing to declare all of Ellsworth County, Kansas as part of 49 counties (26 in Kansas, 23 in Nebraska) for national designation as a National Heritage Area. The designated area would be called "Kansas Nebraska Heritage Area Partnership" and could be established without consent or agreement by local landowners and/or local government. 5-

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; the majority of the Ellsworth County, Kansas Commissioners oppose the Kansas Nebraska Heritage Partnership designation as proposed and do not wish to have Ellsworth County, Kansas included in the proposed National Heritage Area Partnership.

PASS AND ADOPTED BY the Board of County Commissioners of Ellsworth County, Kansas this 3 day of May, 2021.

BE IT SO RESOLVED.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ELLSWORTH COUNTY, KANSAS**



Stephen S. Dlabal, Jr., Commissioner



Dennis Rolfs, Commissioner

Gregory Bender, Commissioner



Shelly D. Vopat, County Clerk



RESOLUTION #2021-06
RESOLUTION OPPOSING GRAHAM COUNTY'S INCLUSION
IN NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

WHEREAS, Kansas Nebraska Heritage Area Partnership is studying a National Heritage Area designation encompassing 49 counties;

WHEREAS, Congress has designated National Heritage Areas which encompass privately held land to highlight areas of specific interest. Citizens of Graham County appreciate efforts to encourage economic development but oppose blanket designations that put dissenting private landowners in the position of having to "opt out" of federally mandated boundaries;

WHEREAS, a National Heritage Area designation invites interference in local affairs by special interest groups who claim to be stakeholders, such as the National Park Service, animal rights activists and environmental groups who do not have the historical perspective or deeply felt stewardship responsibility of owners who have worked the land over several generations.

WHEREAS, the establishment of a National Heritage Area in order to leverage federal and local matching funds based upon private property, without owner knowledge or consent, may be a violation of private property rights;

WHEREAS, a fundamental interdependence exists between individual liberty and the ability to own property, the citizens of this County are very concerned that a National Heritage Area designation would deprive landowners of their ability to use and enjoy their property as they see fit;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we oppose the inclusion of this County within the 49-County National Heritage Area aforementioned and do not wish to confer upon an unelected regional management entity the ability to establish or influence land use policy within the boundaries of this County.

This Resolution was approved and adopted this 4th day of May, 2021.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF GRAHAM COUNTY, KANSAS

Mark Fabricius
Mark Fabricius, Commissioner

Jason Nelson
Jason Nelson, Commissioner

Troy Tremblay
Troy Tremblay, Commissioner

ATTEST:
GRAHAM
CO. CLERK
MAY 4 2021
Jana Irby
Jana Irby, County Clerk

RESOLUTION 21-09

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING PROPOSED
KANSAS NEBRASKA HERITAGE AREA PARTNERSHIP

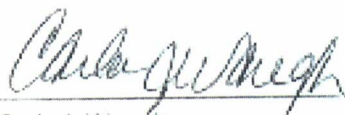
WHEREAS: A non-elected self-appointed board, is proposing to declare all of Jewell County as part of 49 counties (26 in Kansas, 23 in Nebraska) as a National Heritage Area for national designation. The designated area would be called "Kansas Nebraska Heritage Area Partnership" and be established without consent or agreement by local landowners or local government.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; the majority of the Jewell County Commissioners oppose the Kansas Nebraska Heritage Partnership designation as proposed and do not wish to have Jewell County included in the proposed National Heritage Area Partnership.




PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE Board of County Commissioners of Jewell County, Kansas this 1st day of June, 2021.

ATTEST:




Carla J. Waugh
Jewell County Clerk

JEWELL COUNTY BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Keith Roe, Chairman

Steve Greene

Brent Beck

RESOLUTION NO. 2021 - 11

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING PROPOSED
KANSAS NEBRASKA HERITAGE AREA PARTNERSHIP**

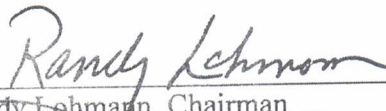
WHEREAS, a non-elected self-appointed board is proposing to declare all of Lincoln County, Kansas as part of 49 counties (26 in Kansas, 23 in Nebraska) for national designation as a National Heritage Area. The designated area would be called "Kansas Nebraska Heritage Area Partnership" and could be established without consent or agreement by local landowners and/or local government,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; the majority of the Lincoln County, Kansas Commissioners oppose the Kansas Nebraska Heritage Partnership designation as proposed and do not wish to have Lincoln County, Kansas included in the proposed National Heritage Area Partnership.

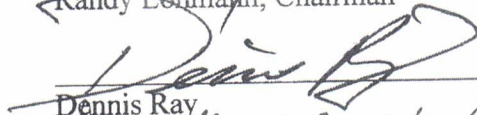
PASS AND ADOPTED BY the Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County, Kansas this 10th day of May, 2021.

BE IT SO RESOLVED.

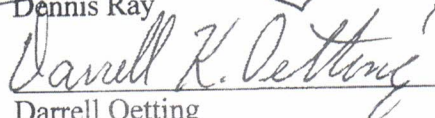
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LINCOLN COUNTY, KANSAS



Randy Lehmann, Chairman

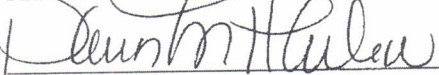


Dennis Ray



Darrell Oetting

ATTEST:



Dawn Harlow, County Clerk



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LINN COUNTY, KANSAS

RESOLUTION NO. 2021- 24

RESOLUTION OPPOSING PROPOSED KANSAS NEBRASKA NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

WHEREAS, Linn County is a legal and political subdivision of the State of Kansas for which the Board of County Commissioners ("Board") is authorized to act; and

WHEREAS; The establishment of a National Heritage Area would adversely affect private property rights by influencing local officials to pass zoning laws not otherwise needed and by altering well established processes for land use regulation.

AND WHEREAS; Congress has designated National Heritage Areas which encompass vast amounts of privately held land in order to highlight specific areas of interest. Citizens of Linn County appreciate efforts to encourage economic development, but oppose blanket designations that put dissenting private landowners in the unreasonable position of having to "opt out" of federally mandated boundaries.

AND WHEREAS; A National Heritage Area designation incites interference in local affairs by special interest groups who claim to be stakeholders, such as the National Park Service, the Nature Conservancy, animal rights activists and environmental groups who do not have the historical perspective or deeply felt stewardship responsibility of owners who have worked the land over several generations.

AND WHEREAS; The United States of America can no longer afford to borrow money to engage in endless expansion of dependency and regulation by the federal government. Each of the 49 National Heritage Areas in existence today started out with sunset dates that were never enforced, resulting in chronic dependence rather than free market activity.

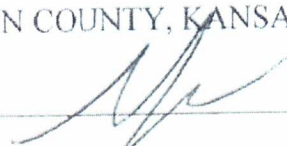
AND WHEREAS; A fundamental interdependence exists between individual liberty and the ability to own property, and the citizens of Linn County are very concerned that a National Heritage Area Designation would deprive landowners of their ability to use and enjoy their property as they see fit.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Linn County Board of County Commissioners opposes the Kansas Nebraska National Heritage Area Designation proposed for Kansas and Nebraska, a/k/a The O'Pioneers NHA and any other National


Heritage Area Designation for the State of Kansas, and does not wish to confer upon an unelected regional management entity, the ability to establish land use policy within the boundaries of Linn County.

Adopted this 7th day of September 2021.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
LINN COUNTY, KANSAS



Rick James, Chairman



Danny McCullough, Member



Jim Johnson, Member



ATTEST:



DAVID LAMB, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION 21-06

**MITCHELL COUNTY, KANSAS
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PROPOSED KANSAS NEBRASKA
HERITAGE AREA PARTNERSHIP**

WHEREAS, a non-elected self-appointed board is proposing to declare all of Mitchell County, Kansas, as part of forty-nine (49) counties (twenty-six (26) in Kansas and twenty-three (23) in Nebraska) as a National Heritage Area for national designation. The designated area would be called the "Kansas Nebraska Heritage Area Partnership" and be established without consent or agreement by local landowners or local government.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; the Mitchell County Commissioners oppose the National Heritage Area designation and do not wish to have Mitchell County, Kansas, included in the proposed Kansas Nebraska Heritage Area Partnership.

Adopted by the Board of County Commissioners, Mitchell County, Kansas, this 7th day of June, 2021.

MITCHELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Tom Claussen, Chairman

Jim Marshal


Mike Cooper

Attest:


Mitchell County Clerk



RESOLUTION NO. R-22-G

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE INCLUSION OF NEOSHO COUNTY WITHIN THE
FREEDOM'S FRONTIER NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA ACT**

WHEREAS, the Freedom Frontier National Heritage Area Act (FFNHA) encompasses 41 counties along the Kansas/Missouri border. The FFNHA includes Neosho County, Kansas;

WHEREAS, the 41 counties along the Kansas/Missouri border have a compelling and tragic story to tell about these two states engaged in their own "Border War" during the nation's conflict between north and south;

WHEREAS, on October 12, 2006, President George W. Bush signed enabling legislation establishing the FFNHA for the conservation, interpretation, funding, management, and development of the heritage area;

WHEREAS, a National Heritage Area is nationally distinctive landscape shaped by natural, cultural, historic and recreational resources, recognized by U.S. Congress and tells a nationally important story through its geography, its man-made structures, and the traditions that have evolved within the landscape;

WHEREAS, Congress has designated area within the FFNHA to include privately held land located within the borders of Neosho County, Kansas. Local leaders, officials and citizens of Neosho County appreciate the efforts and goal of a designated National Heritage Area program and its potential to sustain and preserve local cultural and historical heritage while at the same time encouraging economic development, but oppose blanket designations that put dissenting private landowners in the unreasonable position of having to "opt out" of federally mandated boundaries;

WHEREAS, there is additional local concern that the FFNHA will adversely influence local officials to pass zoning laws not otherwise needed in order to accommodate a National Area Heritage Area Management Plan developed by the National Park Service and approved by the Secretary of the Interior, thereby altering well-established processes for land use regulation;

WHEREAS, the FFNHA also involves the potential for interface in local affairs by special interest groups who claim to be stakeholders but who do not have the historical perspective, deeply felt stewardship and responsibility of owners who have developed and worked the land located within the borders of Neosho County over several generations;

WHEREAS, local leaders, officials and citizens of Neosho County are concerned that the FFNHA local vision, mission and guiding principles have the potential chilling effect of depriving landowners of the ability to use and enjoy their property as they see fit;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Neosho County Commissioners hereby formally opposes inclusion of Neosho County, Kansas within the FFNHA designated National Heritage Area.

Adopted this 19th day of May, 2022, by the Board of County Commissioners
of Neosho County, Kansas

Board of County Commissioners
Of Neosho County, Kansas

Attest:

Heather Elsworth

Heather Elsworth, County Clerk

Gail Klaassen

Gail Klaassen, Chairman

Paul Westhoff

Paul Westhoff, Commissioner

Nicholas Galemore

Nicholas Galemore, Commissioner



Resolution 2021-07
A Resolution opposing a National Heritage Area in Norton County,

Whereas, Kansas Nebraska Heritage Area Partnership is pursuing a National Heritage Area designation encompassing 49 Counties, (26 in Kansas, 23 in Nebraska, equaling 35,792 square miles) with a total population of 650,000;

Whereas, Congress has designated National Heritage Areas which encompass vast amounts of privately held land in order to highlight areas of specific interest. Citizens of this county appreciate efforts to encourage economic development, but oppose blanket designations that put dissenting private landowners in the unreasonable position of having to "opt out" of federally mandated boundaries;

Whereas, the establishment of 49-county National Heritage Area would adversely influence local officials to pass zoning laws not otherwise needed in order to accommodate a National Heritage Area Management Plan by the National Park Service and approved by the Secretary of the Interior, thereby altering well-established processes for land use regulation;

Whereas, A National Heritage Area designation invites interference in local affairs by special interest groups who claim to be stakeholders, such as the National Park Service, animal rights activists and environmental groups who do not have the historical perspective or deeply felt stewardship responsibility of owners who have worked the land over several generations.

Whereas, the establishment of a National Heritage Area in order to leverage federal and local matching funds based upon private property, without owner knowledge or consent, illustrates a violation of private property rights. The United States can no longer afford to borrow money to engage in endless expansion of dependency and regulation by the federal government with sunset provisions for NHAs that were never enforced, resulting in chronic dependency rather than free market activity.

Whereas, A fundamental interdependence exist between individual liberty, and the ability to own property, the citizens of this county are very concerned that a National Heritage Area designation would deprive landowners of their ability to use and enjoy their property as they see fit;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Commissioners of Norton County, Kansas opposes the National Heritage Area designation of the 49-county region aforementioned, and likewise opposes the inclusion of this county within the 49-county designation map and does not wish to confer upon an unelected regional management entity the ability to establish or influence land use policy within the boundaries of this county.

Passed by the Board of Commissioners of Norton County, Kansas this 17th, day of May, 2021.


Resolution 2021-07 continued

Board of Commissioners

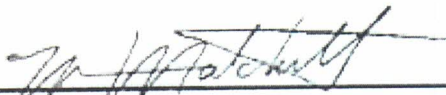
Norton County, Kansas



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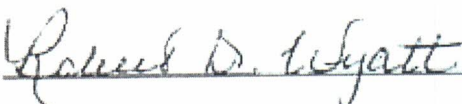


Member



Member

Attest:



County Clerk



RESOLUTION NO. 2021-10

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE INCLUSION OF OSAGE COUNTY WITHIN
THE FREEDOM'S FRONTIER NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA ACT

WHEREAS, the Freedom Frontier National Heritage Area Act (FFNHA) encompasses 41 counties along the Kansas/Missouri border. The FFNHA includes Osage County, Kansas;

WHEREAS, on October 12, 2006, President George W. Bush signed enabling legislation establishing the FFNHA for the conservation, interpretation, funding, management, and development of the heritage area;

WHEREAS, a National Heritage Area is a nationally distinctive landscape shaped by natural, cultural, historic and recreational resources, recognized by U.S. Congress and tells a nationally important story through its geography, its man-made structures, and the traditions that have evolved within the landscape;

WHEREAS, Congress has designated area within the FFNHA to include privately held land located within the borders of Osage County, Kansas. Local leaders, officials and citizens of Osage County appreciate the efforts and goal of a designated National Heritage Area program and its potential to sustain and preserve local, cultural and historical heritage while at the same time encouraging economic development, but oppose blanket designations that put dissenting private landowners in the unreasonable position of having to "opt out" of federally mandated boundaries;

WHEREAS, there is additional local concern that the FFNHA will adversely influence local officials to pass zoning laws not otherwise needed in order to

accommodate a National Area Heritage Management Plan developed by the National Park Service and approved by the Secretary of the Interior, thereby altering well-established processes for land use regulation;

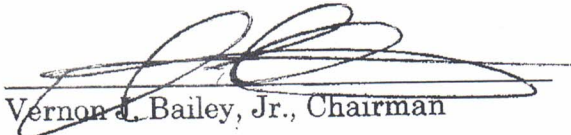
WHEREAS, the FFNHA also involves the potential for interference in local affairs by special interest groups who claim to be stakeholders but who do not have the historical perspective, deeply felt stewardship and responsibility of owners who have developed and worked the land located within the borders of Osage County over several generations;

WHEREAS, local leaders, officials and citizens of Osage County are concerned that the FFNHA local vision, mission and guiding principles have the potential chilling effect of depriving landowners of the ability to use and enjoy their property as they see fit;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Osage County Commissioners hereby formally opposes inclusion of Osage County, Kansas within the FFNHA designated National Heritage Area and likewise opposes the inclusion of this county within the 41-county designation map and does not wish to confer upon an unelected regional management entity the ability to establish or influence land use policy within the boundaries of Osage County.

ADOPTED THIS __ day of September 2021, by the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF OSAGE COUNTY, KANSAS.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Vernon J. Bailey, Jr., Chairman

Heather Kuder

Heather Kuder, Commissioner

Fred L. Diver

Fred L. Diver, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Rhonda Beets

Rhonda Beets
Osage County Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-02
RESOLUTION OPPOSING PROPOSED KANSAS NEBRASKA AREA HERITAGE AREA

WHEREAS; The establishment of the National Heritage Area would adversely affect Private property rights by influencing local officials to pass zoning laws not otherwise needed and by altering well established processes for land use regulation.

AND WHEREAS; Congress has designated National Heritage Areas which encompass vast amounts of privately held land in order to highlight specific areas of interest. Citizens of Osborne County appreciate efforts to encourage economic development, but oppose blanket designations that put dissenting private Landowners in the unreasonable position of having to "opt out" of federally mandated boundaries.

AND WHEREAS; A National Heritage Area Designated Nations incites interference in local affairs by special interest groups who claim to be stake holders, such as the National Park Service, the Nature Conservancy, animal rights Activists and environmental groups who do not have the historical perspective or deeply felt stewardship responsibility of owners who have worked the land over several generations.

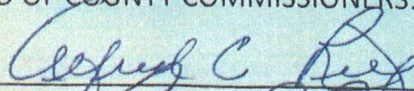
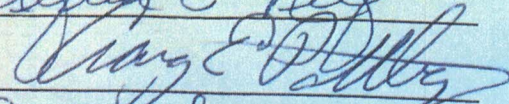
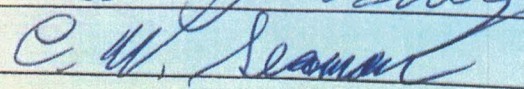
AND WHEREAS; The United States of America can no longer afford to borrow money to engage in endless expansion of dependency regulation by the federal government. Each of the 49 national Heritage areas in existence today started out with sunset dates that were never enforced, resulting in chronic dependence rather than free market activity.

AND WHEREAS; A fundamental interdependence exists between individual liberty and the ability to own property, and the citizens of Osborne County are very concerned that a National Heritage Area Designation would deprive landowners of their ability to use and enjoy their property as they see fit.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Osborne County Board of Commissioners opposes the Kansas Nebraska National Heritage Area Designation proposed for Kanas and Nebraska, a/k/a The O'Pioneers NHA and does not wish to confer upon an unelected regional management entity, the ability to establish land use policy within the boundaries of Osborne County.

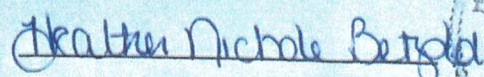
Adopted this 14th day of May, 2021.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

ATTESTED BY:

County Clerk





RESOLUTION NO. 2021-12

RESOLUTION OPPOSING 49-COUNTY NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA DESIGNATION

WHEREAS, Kansas Nebraska Heritage Area Partnership is pursuing a National Heritage Area designation encompassing 49 counties, (26 in Kansas, 23 in Nebraska, equaling 35,792 square miles) with a total population of 650, 000;

WHEREAS, Congress has designated National Heritage Areas which encompass vast amounts of privately held land in order to highlight areas of specific interest. Citizens of this county appreciate efforts to encourage economic development, but oppose blanket designations that put dissenting private landowners in the unreasonable position of having to “opt out” of federally mandated boundaries;

WHEREAS, the establishment of a 49-county National Heritage Area would adversely influence local officials to pass zoning laws not otherwise needed in order to accommodate a National Heritage Area Management Plan developed by the National Park Service and approved by the Secretary of the Interior, thereby altering well-established processes for land use regulation;

WHEREAS, a National Heritage Area designation invites interference in local affairs by special interest groups who claim to be stakeholders, such as the National Park Service, animal rights activists and environmental groups who do not have the historical perspective or deeply felt stewardship responsibility of owners who have worked the land over several generations.

WHEREAS, the establishment of a National Heritage Area in order to leverage federal and local matching funds based upon private property, without owner knowledge or consent, illustrates a violation of private property rights; The United States can no longer afford to borrow money to engage in endless expansion of dependency and regulation by the Federal Government with sunset provisions for National Heritage Areas that were never enforced, resulting in chronic dependency rather than free market activity.

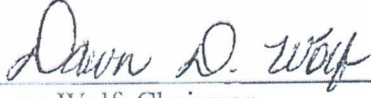
WHEREAS, a fundamental interdependence exists between individual liberty and the ability to own property, the citizens of Ottawa County, Kansas are very concerned that a National Heritage Area designation would deprive landowners of their ability to use and enjoy their property as they see fit;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; That Ottawa County, Kansas opposes the National Heritage Area designation of the 49-county region aforementioned, and likewise opposes the inclusion of this county within the 49-county designation map and does not wish to confer upon an unelected regional management entity the ability to establish, direct, or influence local land use policy within the boundaries of Ottawa County, Kansas.

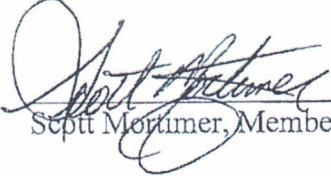
This document shall be filed with Ottawa County Clerk.

ADOPTED this 14th day of April 2021.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF OTTAWA COUNTY, KANSAS


Dawn Wolf, Chairman


D.D. Malmberg, Member


Scott Mortimer, Member

ATTEST:


Mary Argabright, County Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 605

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING PROPOSED
KANSAS NEBRASKA HERITAGE AREA PARTNERSHIP

WHEREAS; A non-elected self-appointed board, is proposing to declare all of Phillips County as part of 49 counties(26 in Kansas, 23 in Nebraska) as a National Heritage Area for national designation. The designated area would be called "Kansas Nebraska Heritage Area Partnership" and be established without consent or agreement by local landowners or local government.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; the majority of the Phillips County Commissioners oppose the Kansas Nebraska Heritage Partnership designation as proposed and do not wish to have Phillips County included in the proposed National Heritage Area Partnership.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE Board of County Commissioners of Phillips County, Kansas this 19 day of April, 2021.

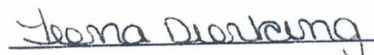
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
of Phillips County, Kansas


MAX L. DIBBLE, CHAIRMAN


LARRY MEILI, COMMISSIONER


JEROD ROTH, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:


Teena Dierking,
Phillips County Clerk



RESOLUTION NO. 2021-35

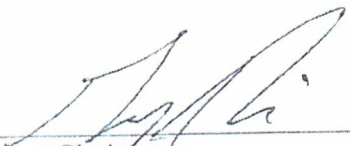
RESOLUTION OPPOSING A KANSAS-NEBRASKA NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

WHEREAS, the Kansas Nebraska Heritage Area Partnership is pursuing a National Heritage Area designation for an area in Kansas and Nebraska, which proposed area would include Pottawatomie County, Kansas, and

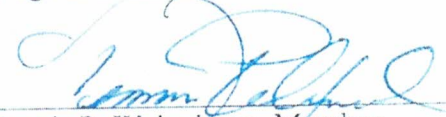
WHEREAS, a National Heritage Area designation has the potential to interfere with local governance and local affairs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Pottawatomie County, Kansas, does hereby oppose the establishment or designation of a Kansas Nebraska National Heritage Area, and does further oppose the inclusion of Pottawatomie County, Kansas, in any Kansas Nebraska National Heritage Area.

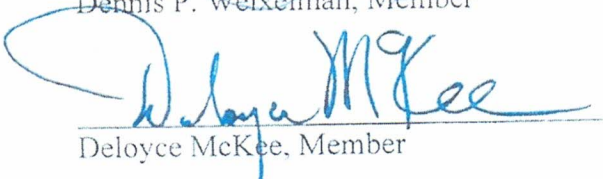
Dated this 24th day of May, 2021.



Greg Riat, Chairman



Dennis P. Weixelman, Member



Deloyce McKee, Member



Attest:



County Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-29

RESOLUTION OPPOSING 49-COUNTY NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

Whereas, Kansas Nebraska Heritage Area Partnership is pursuing a National Heritage Area designation encompassing 49 counties, (26 in Kansas, 23 in Nebraska, equaling 35,792 square miles) with a total population of 650,000;

Whereas, Congress has designated National Heritage Areas which encompass vast amounts of privately held land in order to highlight areas of specific interest. Citizens of this county appreciate efforts to encourage economic development, but oppose blanket designations that put dissenting private landowners in the unreasonable position of having to "opt out" of federally mandated boundaries;

Whereas, the establishment of a 49-county National Heritage Area would adversely influence local officials to pass zoning laws not otherwise needed in order to accommodate a National Heritage Area Management Plan developed by the National Park Service and approved by the Secretary of the Interior, thereby altering well-established processes for land use regulation;

Whereas, A National Heritage Area designation invites interference in local affairs by special interest groups who claim to be stakeholders, such as the National Park Service, animal rights activists and environmental groups who do not have the historical perspective or deeply felt stewardship responsibility of owners who have worked the land over several generations.

Whereas, the establishment a National Heritage Area in order to leverage federal and local matching funds based upon private property, without owner knowledge or consent, illustrates a violation of private property rights; The United States can no longer afford to borrow money to engage in endless expansion of dependency and regulation by the federal government with sunset provisions for NHAs that were never enforced, resulting in chronic dependency rather than free market activity.

Whereas, A fundamental interdependence exists between individual liberty and the ability to own property, the citizens of this county are very concerned that a National Heritage Area designation would deprive landowners of their ability to use and enjoy their property as they see fit;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That Republic County opposes the National Heritage Area designation of the 49-county region aforementioned, and likewise opposes the inclusion of this county within the 49-county designation map and will not confer upon an unelected regional management entity the ability to establish or influence land use policy within the boundaries of this county. Signed this 26 day of April, 2021.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF REPUBLIC COUNTY, KANSAS

Melvin Jeardoe

Melvin Jeardoe - Chairperson

Edwin Splichal

Edwin Splichal - Member

Doug Garman

Doug Garman - Member

ATTEST:

Kathleen L. Marsicek

Kathleen L. Marsicek
Republic County Clerk



RESOLUTION OPPOSING 49-COUNTY NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

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WHEREAS, the establishment of a 49-county National Heritage Area would adversely influence local officials to pass zoning laws not otherwise needed in order to accommodate a National Heritage Area management Plan developed by the National Park Service and approved by the Secretary of the Interior, thereby altering well-established processes for land use regulation;

WHEREAS, a National Heritage Area designation invites interference in local affairs by special interest groups who claim to be stakeholders, such as the National Park Service, animal rights activists and environmental groups who do not have the historical perspective or deeply felt stewardship responsibility of owners who have worked the land over several generations;

WHEREAS, the establishment of a National Heritage Area in order to leverage federal and local matching funds based upon private property, without owner knowledge or consent, illustrates a violation of private property rights; the United States can no longer afford to borrow money to engage in endless expansion of dependency and regulation by the federal government with sunset provisions for NHAs that were never enforced, resulting in chronic dependency rather than free market activity.

WHEREAS, A fundamental interdependence exists between individual liberty and the ability to own property, the citizens of this county are very concerned that a National Heritage Area designation would deprive landowners of their ability to use and enjoy their property as they see fit;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That Rooks County hereby opposes the National Heritage Area designation of the 49-county region aforementioned; and likewise opposes the inclusion of Rooks County, Kansas within the 49-county designation map and will not confer upon an unelected regional management entity the ability to establish or influence land use policy within the boundaries of this county.

Signed this 11th day of May, 2021, by the Board of Rooks County Commissioners, Rooks County, Kansas.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ROOKS COUNTY, KANSAS

ATTEST:

Ruthmary Muir
Ruthmary Muir, Rooks County Clerk



John Ruder
John Ruder

Greg Balthazor
Greg Balthazor

Tim Berland
Tim Berland

RESOLUTION #21-2340

RESOLUTION OPPOSING INCLUSION OF SALINE COUNTY IN
NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

WHEREAS, Congress has designated National Heritage Areas which encompass vast amounts of privately held land in order to highlight areas of specific interest; and

WHEREAS, the Kansas Nebraska Heritage Area Partnership is pursuing National Heritage Area designation for an area which encompasses 49 counties within Kansas and Nebraska, including Saline County; and

WHEREAS, establishment of a National Heritage Area has the potential to influence local officials in their land use decisions to accommodate the needs of the Management Plan for the National Heritage Area; and

WHEREAS, a National Heritage Area designation may invite increased outside influences in local affairs by special interest groups who do not have the historical perspective, stewardship and responsibility of land owners; and

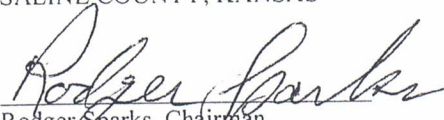
WHEREAS, Saline County is firmly committed to the principle that local affairs should be governed by the interest of the local community rather than arbitrary national considerations,

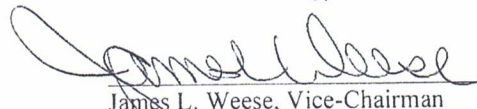
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Saline County, Kansas, as follows:

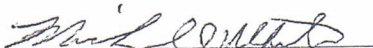
1. That the Board of County Commissioners is opposed to inclusion of Saline County in any National Heritage Area.
2. That staff is hereby directed to send copies of this Resolution to any interested parties.

ADOPTED this 10th day of August, 2021, by the Board of County Commissioners, Saline County, Kansas.


BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SALINE COUNTY, KANSAS

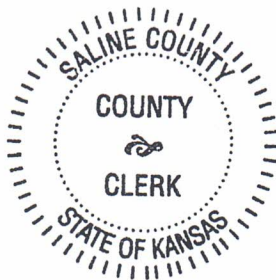

Rodger Sparks, Chairman


James L. Weese, Vice-Chairman

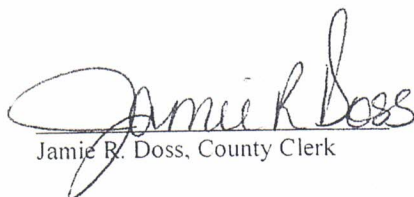

Michael J. White, Secretary

Monte Shadwick, Commissioner


Robert Vidricksen II, Commissioner



ATTEST:


Jamie R. Doss, County Clerk

Vote: Yea 5 Nay 0

RESOLUTION NO. 21-29
A RESOLUTION OPPOSING 49-COUNTY
NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS, as follows:

WHEREAS Kansas Nebraska Heritage Area Partnership is pursuing a National Heritage Area designation encompassing 49 counties (26 in Kansas, 23 in Nebraska, equaling 35,792 square miles) with a total population of 650,000.

WHEREAS Congress has designated National Heritage Areas which encompass vast amounts of privately held land to highlight areas of specific interest. Citizens of this county appreciate efforts to encourage economic development but oppose blanket designations that put dissenting private landowners in the unreasonable position of having to "opt out" of federally mandated boundaries.

WHEREAS the establishment of a 49-county National Heritage Area would adversely influence local officials to pass zoning laws not otherwise needed to accommodate a National Heritage Area Management Plan developed by the National Park Service and approved by the Secretary of the Interior, thereby altering well-established processes for land use regulation.

WHEREAS a National Heritage Area designation invites interference in local affairs by special interest groups who claim to be stakeholders, such as the National Park Service, animal rights activists and environmental groups who do not have the historical perspective or deeply felt stewardship responsibility of owners who have worked the land over several generations.

WHEREAS the establishment of a National Heritage Area to leverage federal and local matching funds based upon private property, without owner knowledge or consent, illustrates a violation of private property rights; the United States can no longer afford to borrow money to engage in endless expansion of dependency and regulation by the federal government with sunset provision for NHAs that were never enforced, resulting in chronic dependency rather than free market activity.


WHEREAS a fundamental interdependence exists between individual liberty and the ability to own property, the citizens of this county are very concerned that a National Heritage Area designation would deprive landowners of their ability to use and enjoy their property as they see fit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of County Commissioners of Sheridan County, Kansas, oppose the National Heritage Area designation of the 49-county regional and likewise oppose the inclusion of this county within the 49-county designation map and do not wish to confer upon an unelected regional management

entity the ability to establish or influence land use policy within the boundaries of this county.


Approved and adopted this 20th day of April 2021.

Board of Commissioners
Sheridan County, Kansas


Wesley Bainter, Chairman

Joe Bainter, Commissioner


Mike "Buck" Mader, Commissioner

Attest: 
Heather Bracht, County Clerk



RESOLUTION #21-11

RESOLUTION OPPOSING 49-COUNTY NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

Whereas, Kansas Nebraska Heritage Area Partnership in pursuing a National Heritage Area designation encompassing 49 counties, (26 in Kansas, 23 in Nebraska, equaling 35, 792 square miles) with a total population of 650,000;

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Whereas, the establishment of a 49-county National Heritage Area would adversely influence local officials to pass zoning laws not otherwise needed in order to accommodate a National Heritage Area Management Plan developed by the National Park Service and approved by the Secretary of the interior, thereby altering well-established processes for land use regulation;

Whereas, A National Heritage Area designation invites interference in local affairs by special interest groups who claim to be stakeholders, such as the National Park Service, animals rights activists and environmental groups who do not have the historical perspective or deeply felt stewardship responsibility of owners who have worked the land over several generations.


Whereas, the establishment a National Heritage Area in order to leverage federal and local matching funds based upon private property, without owner knowledge or consent, illustrates a violation of private property rights; The United States can no longer afford to borrow money to engage in endless expansion of dependency and regulation by the federal government with sunset provisions for NHAs that were never enforced, resulting in chronic dependency rather than free market activity.

Whereas, A fundamental interdependence exists between individual liberty and the ability to own property, the citizens of the county are very concerned that a National Heritage Area designation would deprive landowners of their ability to use and enjoy their property as they see fit;

NOW THERE FOR BE IT RESOLVED: That Smith County opposes the National Heritage Area designation of the 49-county region aforementioned, and likewise opposes the inclusion of this county within the 49-county designation map and does not wish to confer upon an unelected regional management entity the ability to establish or influence land use policy within the boundaries of the county.


THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SMITH COUNTY, KANSAS

Roger Allen, Chairman



Dale E. Pickel, Commissioner

Attest:



Ashley Maxwell, County Clerk



Kurt Ifland, Commissioner

RESOLUTION NO. 21-11

RESOLUTION OPPOSING 49-COUNTY NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA IN TREGO COUNTY, KANSAS

Whereas; The establishment of a National Heritage Area would adversely affect private property rights by influencing local officials to pass zoning laws not otherwise needed and by altering well established processes for land use regulation.

Whereas, Congress has designated National Heritage Areas which encompass vast amounts of privately held land in order to highlight areas of specific interest. Citizens of Trego County appreciate efforts to encourage economic development, but oppose blanket designations that put dissenting private landowners in the unreasonable position of having to "opt out" of federally mandated boundaries.

Whereas, A National Heritage Area designation invites interference in local affairs by special interest groups who claim to be stakeholders, such as the National Park Service, Nature's Conservancy, animal rights activists and environmental groups who do not have the historical perspective or deeply felt stewardship responsibility of owners who have worked the land over several generations.

Whereas; The United States can no longer afford to borrow money to engage in endless expansion of dependency and regulation by the federal government and each of the 49 National Heritage Areas in existence today started out with sunset dates that were never enforced, resulting in chronic dependency rather than free market activity.

Whereas, A fundamental interdependence exists between individual liberty and the ability to own property, the citizens Trego County are very concerned that a National Heritage Area designation would deprive landowners of their ability to use and enjoy their property as they see fit;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: the Trego County Board of Commissioners opposes the National Heritage Area designation proposed for Nebraska and Kansas and does not wish to confer upon an unelected regional management entity, the ability to establish land use policy within the boundaries of Trego County, Kansas.

Adopted this 30th day of April, 2021.



Attest:

Lori Augustine
Lori Augustine
Trego County Clerk

Trego County, Kansas

Jared Hager
Jared Hager, Chairman

Calvin J Pfannenstiel Jr
Calvin J Pfannenstiel Jr, Member

Jerry White
Jerry White, Member

RESOLUTION NO. 11-2021

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Kansas deems it necessary to express support of personal property rights.

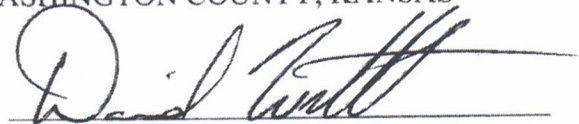
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Kansas, that the County of Washington, Kansas is opposed to any federal, state, or local legislation or initiatives or federal, state, or locally funded programs or partnerships that may affect personal property rights.

This Resolution was approved and adopted this 14th day of June, 2021.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, KANSAS



Raleigh Ordoyno, Chairperson



David Willbrant, Member



Scott Zabokrtsky, Member

Attest:





Diana Svanda, County Clerk

Resolution No. 907

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING CHISHOLM NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL AND WESTERN NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL DESIGNATION

Whereas, Various Historical Preservation Associations are pursuing a Chisholm National Historic Trail and Western National Historic Trail Designation encompassing 2,728 miles of land in 109 counties, (18 in Oklahoma, 29 in Kansas, 6 in Nebraska, 56 in Texas);

Whereas, Congress has designated National Historic Trails which encompass vast amounts of privately held land in order to highlight areas of specific interest. Citizens of this county appreciate efforts to encourage economic development, but oppose blanket designations that put dissenting private landowners in the unreasonable position of having to “opt out” of federally mandated designations;

Whereas, the establishment of a 109-county National Historic Trail Designation would adversely influence local officials to pass zoning laws not otherwise needed in order to accommodate the surrounding view (referred to as viewshed) of National Historical Trail Designations, thereby altering well-established processes for land use regulation;

Whereas, A National Historic Trail Designation invites interference in local affairs by special interest groups who claim to be stakeholders, such as the National Park Service, animal rights activists and environmental groups who do not have the historical perspective or deeply felt stewardship responsibility of owners who have worked the land over several generations.

Whereas, the establishment a National Historic Trail Designation directs the Secretary of the Interior to identify and inventory sites and segments along the 2,728 miles of private property, without owner knowledge or consent, illustrates a violation of private property rights; The United States can no longer afford to borrow money to engage in endless expansion of dependency and regulation by the federal government, resulting in chronic dependency rather than free market activity.

Whereas, A fundamental interdependence exists between individual liberty and the ability to own property, the citizens of this county are very concerned that a National Historic Trail Designation would deprive landowners of their ability to use and enjoy their property as they see fit;

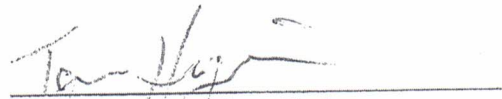
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Coffey County Commissioners opposes the Chisholm National Trail and Western National Historic Trail Designation of the 2,728 miles aforementioned, and does not wish to confer upon an unelected management entity the ability to establish, inventory or influence land use policy within the boundaries of this county.

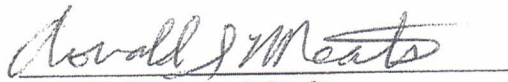
This Resolution shall be effective from and after its passage by the Board of County Commissioners of Coffey County, Kansas.

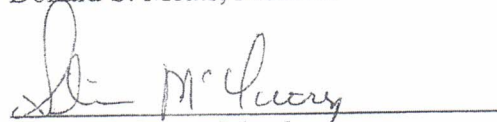
DATED THIS 26TH OF JUNE, 2023.

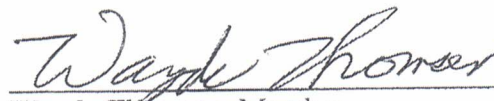
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,
COFFEY COUNTY, KANSAS


Jesse Knight, Chairman


Tom Hugin, Vice-Chairman


Donald S. Meats, Member


Steve McCurry, Member

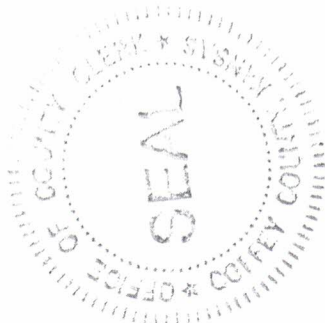

Wayne Thomsen, Member

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Angie Kirchner, County Clerk

Wade H. Bowie, II, County Attorney



RESOLUTION NO. 2023-18

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF DECATUR COUNTY, KANSAS, as follows:

WHEREAS, the United States Government has indicated that they are considering designation of the Chisholm National Historic Trail and the Great Western National Historic Trail; and

WHEREAS, the farmers of Decatur County and around the United States feed the world; and

WHEREAS, the economy of Decatur County is nearly completely and totally tied to the success of production agriculture; and,

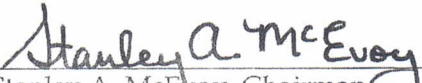
WHEREAS, many of our ancestors came to America because land was not plentiful in their native lands and the Homestead Act allowed them to own land by making improvements; and,

WHEREAS, private land ownership is a very important concept to our society;

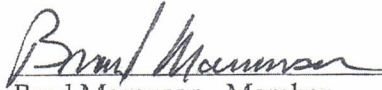
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Decatur County, Kansas by the authority granted the Board by the laws of the State of Kansas and people of Decatur County, Kansas, we hereby call upon Congress to pass laws that prohibit the designation of the Chisholm National Historic Trail and the Great Western National Historic Trail, and that our elected officials, including the President, educate themselves as to the importance of production agriculture in feeding the world, of the efforts taken by farmers and ranchers to be good stewards of the land, of the fact that private ownership of land ought to be protected and of the devastation to our local economy and tax base if the designations of historic trails occur.

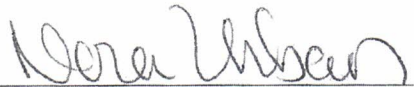
SECTION 6. This resolution shall take effect upon its passage.

Dated this 11th day of July, 2023.


Stanley A. McEvoy, Chairman
Decatur County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:


Brad Marcuson, Member
Decatur County Board of Commissioners


Nora Urban
Decatur County Clerk


Karen Larson, Member
Decatur County Board of Commissioners

**Resolution opposing Chisholm National Historic Trail and
Western National Historic Trail Designation**

Resolution #23-07

Whereas, Various Historical Preservation Associations are pursuing a Chisholm National Historic Trail and Western National Historic Trail Designation encompassing 2,728 miles of land in 109 counties, (18 in Oklahoma, 29 in Kansas, 6 in Nebraska, 56 in Texas);

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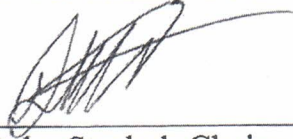
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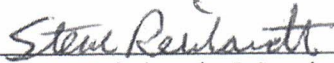
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of County Commissioners of Russell County, Kansas opposes the Chisholm National Trail and Western National Historic Trail Designation of the 2,728 miles aforementioned, and does not wish to confer upon an unelected management entity the ability to establish, inventory or influence land use policy within the boundaries of this county.

Resolution opposing Chisholm National Historic Trail and
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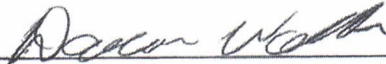
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Duke Strobel, Chairman

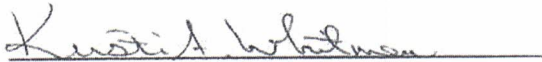


Steve Reinhardt, Member



Daron Woelk, Member

ATTEST:



Kristi Whitman
County Clerk



RESOLUTION 23-53

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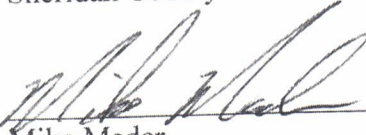
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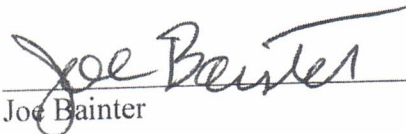
This Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and shall remain in effect until future action is taken by the Sheridan County Board of County Commissioners.

Adopted this 27th day of June, 2023.

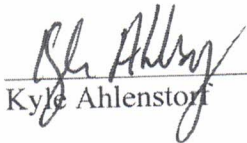
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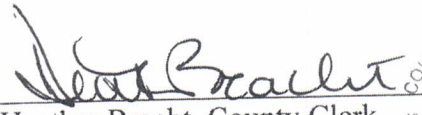
Mike Mader



Joe Bainter



Kyle Ahlenstorf

ATTEST: 

Heather Bracht, County Clerk

COUNTY CLERK
SEAL
SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS



The Irish potato was not the only crop that grew in Ireland. It was however, the only crop that was owned by the Irish when the potato blight struck Ireland. All of the other crops, as well as the livestock, were owned by foreigners.

Imagine walking home from the cemetery where you just buried your child who succumbed to starvation, passing the oats and barley swaying in the wind while you listen to cattle bellow in the distance.....

Please stop ignoring the people, food is getting expensive.

Sincerely,

Angel Cushing

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