



**Re: [ACCA] ACCA Digest, Vol 27, Issue 4 (Wolf Resolution)**

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Here's our resolution opposing wolf reintroduction, we borrowed another County and tweaked it. We also followed up with a press release and send copies to CPW (local and state), Colorado Cattlemans, and other ag associations.

Sam

STATE OF COLORADO     )  
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COUNTY OF ELBERT     )

At a regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Elbert County, State of Colorado, held at the Elbert County Administration Building in Kiowa, Colorado 80117 on Wednesday, the 11th day of December, 2019, there were present:

- Chris Richardson     County Commissioner, Chairman
- Rick Pettitt         County Commissioner
- Grant Thayer         County Commissioner
- Dallas Schroeder     Clerk the Board

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

RESOLUTION 19-\_\_\_\_  
A RESOLUTION URGING OPPOSITION TO THE PURPOSEFUL  
INTRODUCTION AND ARTIFICIAL ACCELERATION OF THE  
GRAY WOLF POPULATION IN COLORADO

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

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

WHEREAS, the Secretary of State of Colorado approved a petition to place Initiative #107 "Restoration of Gray Wolves" on the 2020 general election ballot and this petition can be circulated until December 13, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Department of the Interior, in March 2019, recommended removing the Gray Wolf (canis lupus) from the federal endangered species list; and

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

WHEREAS, the Colorado Legislative Council has estimated the cost just to plan for the effort in 2021 and 2022 at over \$800,000 and further that beginning in Fiscal Year 2023-24, implementation costs will increase as the reintroduction of gray wolves commences; and

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

WHEREAS, in states where wolves have been re-introduced, incidents of attacks on game animals, livestock, and pets are regularly recorded while attacks on humans in other areas of North America, while less common, are known to have occurred and resulting in death and serious injury to humans; and

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Elbert County, Colorado as follows:

1. The Board opposes any measures to accelerate the increase in the Gray Wolf population already present in the State of Colorado.
2. The Board urges citizens to research this issue, decline to sign any petition to place Initiative #107 on the 2020 general election ballot, and to vote against the measure if it does appear on the ballot.
3. The Board supports the historic stand taken by the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Division against the introduction of the Gray Wolf most recently articulated in their Resolution 16-1.
4. The Board supports the actions initiated to remove the Gray Wolf from the Endangered Species List and return management of any current wolf populations to state wildlife conservation agencies and public health officials.
5. The Board requests that if a ballot measure to introduce the Gray Wolf does pass with a majority of voter approval, that the legislature ensure funding is provided to offset the negative impact on livestock, wildlife management, hunting and any other segments of local economies.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of December, 2019.

Upon a Motion duly made and seconded, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

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CHRIS RICHARDSON, COMMISSIONER AYE

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RICK PETTITT, COMMISSIONER AYE

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GRANT THAYER, COMMISSIONER AYE

ATTEST: DALLAS SCHROEDER  
COUNTY CLERK

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
CLERK TO THE BOARD

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