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Subject: 30 x 30 Passed Resolutions

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Chairman Rahjes and Committee Members,

I am emailing a few 30 x 30 Resolutions passed by some of the counties that also passed resolutions opposing the National Heritage Areas. There is one exception which is the Montana resolution. Once we saw the connection on how the NHA's could be used to fulfill the 30 x 30 Executive Order we started trying to collect the 30 x 30 Resolutions at the same time. There are surely more in the state that American Stewards of Liberty have collected. If you would like them, I am sure they could send you a list if they haven't already. I had really wanted to be there to read my testimony but am recovering from Covid. We must preserve our private property rights by not allowing the federal government come into our state to tell us how to "conserve" and "preserve" our land. Any decision to subvert private property rights should be left to the local and state governments. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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## RESOLUTION NO. 2021-06-15.03

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHAIRPERSON AND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF ADAMS, NEBRASKA, as follows:

WHEREAS, Adams County is a legal and political subdivision of the State of Nebraska for which the Board of Commissioners (“Board”) is authorized to act: and

WHEREAS, Adams County contains land situated in Nebraska;

WHEREAS, the federal government owns some of this land within the County, and the US Fish and Wildlife Service is responsible for managing some of those acres of federal lands;

WHEREAS, certain areas of privately owned land in Adams County are currently protected with perpetual conservation easements;

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.

Whereas, the well-being, health, safety, welfare, economic condition, and culture of the County, its businesses, and its citizens depend upon the private ownership of land and the use of its resource;

WHEREAS, many of Adams County’s businesses and its citizens are involved in or otherwise depend on industries that utilize and/or depend upon private ownership of land and its resources, including, but not limited to, livestock grazing, agricultural and horticultural activities, oil and gas exploration and production, mining and mineral development, recreational industries, hunting and other outdoor recreation;

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

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);

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;

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

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;

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

WHEREAS, the 30 x 30 program, if implemented, will conflict with the plans, policies and programs of Adams County as expressed in the County's Comprehensive Plan;

WHEREAS, conversion of land from private ownership to federal ownership typically results in removal of said land from the tax rolls of the applicable taxing entity, whereby diminishing the pool of total tax revenue available, and causing a potential for the burden of increased taxation for the remaining owners of privately held land;

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 the State, Local, Tribal, and territorial governments, agricultural and forest landowners, fishermen, and other key stakeholders, to achieve the foal of conserving at least 30 percent of our lands and waters by 2030."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Adams County, Nebraska, as follows:

1. The Board opposes the 30 X 30 program, including its objective of permanently preserving 30 percent of the Nation's land in their 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 land in Adams County as wilderness, wilderness study areas, wildlife preserves, and open space, 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 Nebraska's water rights systems, 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 Nebraska 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 a justification 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 Adams 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021.

COUNTY OF ADAMS, NEBRASKA



Lee Hogan, Chairman  
Adams County Board of Commissioners

Attest:



Ramona Thomas  
Adams County Clerk



RESOLUTION NO. 2021 - \_\_\_\_

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

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

WHEREAS, Furnas County contains 461,439 acres of land, in the State of Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, many of Furnas County's businesses and its citizens are involved in or otherwise depend on industries that utilize privately owned 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 Nebraska economy, and are major contributors to the economic and social wellbeing of Furnas 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 14008; and

WHEREAS, the 30 x 30 program, if implemented, is likely to cause significant harm to the economy of Furnas County, and injure the County's businesses and its citizens by depriving them of access to public lands and national forest system 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 central states, including Nebraska, and in particular rural counties such as Furnas County whose citizens depend on access to 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 Furnas County, Nebraska, as follows:

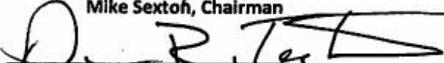
1. The Board opposes the 30 x 30 program, including its objective of permanently preserving 30 percent of the Nation's lands in its natural state by 2030, or any similar program that will set aside and prevent the productive use of millions of acres of our lands.
2. The Board further opposes any unilateral special designations of public lands in Furnas County without full public participation and local support. Public and local involvement in designation for 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 must directly involve and defer to the preferences of our community.
3. 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.
4. The Board recognizes and supports the State of Nebraska'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 Nebraska 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.

DATED THIS 8<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2021.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF FURNAS COUNTY, NEBRASKA.

**FURNAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

  
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Mike Sexton, Chairman

  
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Dennis Tegtman

  
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Steve Pearson

## 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.”

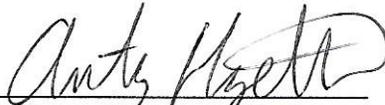
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DECLARED by the Board of County Commissioners of Chase County, Kansas, as follows:

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 30<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHASE COUNTY,  
STATE OF KANSAS

  
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Anthony Hazelton, Chairman

  
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Randy Talkington, Vice Chairman

  
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Matthew Miller, Member

ATTEST:

  
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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

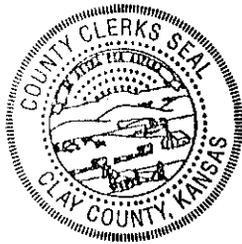
**WHEREAS**, Executive Order 14008 at Sec. 216(a) directs the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with other relevant federal agencies to "submit a report to the Task Force within 90 days of the date of this order recommending steps that the United States should take, working with State, local, 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 #2021-25

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
COUNTY OF DAWSON, NEBRASKA, as follows:

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

**WHEREAS**, Dawson County contains approximately 651,840 acres of land situated in Central Nebraska; and

**WHEREAS**, the federal government owns some of this land within the County, and the US Fish and Wildlife Service is responsible for managing some of those acres of federal lands; and

**WHEREAS**, certain acres of privately owned land in Dawson County are currently 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 wildfire, 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 upon the private ownership of land and the use of its resources; and

**WHEREAS**, many of Dawson County's businesses and its citizens are involved in or otherwise depend on industries that utilize and/or depend upon the private ownership of land and its resources, including, but not limited to, livestock grazing, agricultural and horticultural activities, 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 Nebraska economy, and are major contributors to the economic and social wellbeing of Dawson 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, approximately 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 the permanently preserve 30 percent of all land and water in the United States, and no such authority is reference in Executive Order 14008; and

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

**WHEREAS**, conversion of land from private ownership typically results in removal of said land from the tax rolls of the applicable taxing entity, whereby diminishing the pool of total tax revenue available, and causing a potential for the burden of increased taxation for the remaining owners of privately held land; 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 Commissioners of Dawson County, Nebraska, as follows:

1. The Board opposes the 30 x 30 program, including its objective of permanently preserving 30 percent of the Nation’s land in their 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 Dawson County as wilderness, wilderness study areas, wildlife preserves, and open space, 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 Nebraska’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 with the County that would impair or restrict water diversions and uses authorized under Nebraska 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 a justification 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 Dawson 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.

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2021**

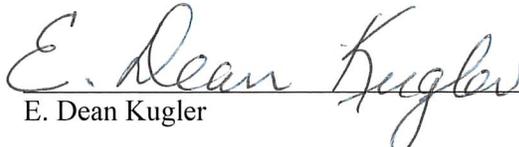
COUNTY OF DAWSON

  
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Bill Stewart, Chairman

  
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PJ Jacobson

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Dennis Rickertsen

  
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Rod Reynolds

  
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E. Dean Kugler



ATTEST:

  
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Karla Zlatkovsky, Dawson County Clerk

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-16**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
FRONTIER COUNTY, NEBRASKA**

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

WHEREAS, Frontier County contains about 627,000 acres of land situated in south west Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the federal government currently owns a negligible amount of land in Frontier County, amounting to less than 1% of the total land area; and

WHEREAS, Frontier County currently enjoys numerous privately and publicly administered parks, wildlife management areas and recreational areas, as well as numerous privately held 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 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 Frontier County's businesses and its citizens are involved in or otherwise depend on industries that utilize private lands and their resources, including large scale and family ranching and farming operations, which are themselves traditionally exceptional stewards of the land; and

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

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2021, President Joseph R. Biden, Jr., issued Executive Order 14008 entitled the 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 reference 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 Nebraska, and in particular rural counties such as Frontier 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 Frontier County as expressed in the Frontier County Comprehensive Plan; 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 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF FRONTIER COUNTY, NEBRASKA, 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 privately owned lands.
2. The Board further opposes the designation of lands in Frontier 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 at the hands of the Federal Government.
3. The Board supports the continued private ownership of land in Frontier County, recognizing the nation’s need for domestic sources of minerals, energy, timber, food, and fiber.
4. The Board recognizes and support the State of Nebraska’s water rights system, including the doctrine of first in right, first in time 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 Nebraska law.
5. The Board 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 for full and fair market value for the rights and interests acquired, and only after analyzing and considering the impacts of such land acquisitions on the well-being, health, safety, welfare, economy, and culture of Frontier County. The Board categorically opposes any such acquisitions made through regulatory compulsion or federal mandate.
6. The Board shall send a copy of this Resolution to the Department of Interior and all other relevant Federal and State agencies; and

A motion was made by County Board member J.R. Houser, seconded by County Board member Kevin Owens, to approve and adopt this herein Resolution (Resolution 2021- 16 ).

Upon roll call Owens, Houser,  
Hall voted “aye.” Nays none

Passed and approved in regular session this 6th day of May, 2021.

Steven Hall  
STEVEN HALL, CHAIRMAN

Kevin Owens  
KEVIN OWENS, COMMISSIONER

J.R. Houser  
J.R. HOUSER, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

Dan Walker  
County Clerk  
(SEAL)



**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-13**

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

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

WHEREAS, Jefferson County contains about 368,640 acres of land situated in Southeast Nebraska; and

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

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

WHEREAS, these industries are important components of the Nebraska economy, and are major contributors to the economic and social wellbeing of Jefferson 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 14008; and

WHEREAS, the 30 x 30 program, if implemented, is likely to cause significant harm to the economy of Jefferson County, and injure the County's businesses and its citizens by depriving them of access to these 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 states, including Nebraska, and in particular rural counties such as Jefferson County whose citizens depend on access to lands for their livelihoods; and

WHEREAS, the 30 x 30 program, if implemented, will conflict with the plans, policies and programs of the Jefferson County comprehensive plan as expressed in the Jefferson County planning and zoning regulation; 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 Jefferson County, Nebraska, 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 any lands in Jefferson 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 management of all 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 Jefferson 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 Nebraska 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 Nebraska law.

6. The Board maintains that the designation of any 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) and in compliance with the Jefferson County planning and zoning regulation, 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 Jefferson County, its businesses, and its citizens, and careful coordination with Jefferson County to ensure consistency with County land use plans and land management policies.

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 Jefferson County, its businesses, and its citizens.

8. The Board shall send a copy of this Resolution to the Department of Interior, Department of Agriculture, all other relevant Federal and State agencies, and Jefferson County's state and federal elected representatives.

Approved this day,

May 4, 2021

Board of Commissioners  
Jefferson County Nebraska

  
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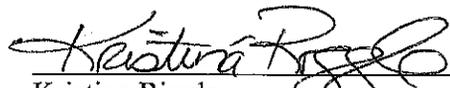
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Jefferson County Clerk



RESOLUTION NO. 2021-0017

A RESOLUTION PROTECTING LAND RIGHTS IN KEARNEY COUNTY, OPPOSING TRANSFER OF LOCAL CONTROL TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, SPECIFICALLY OPPOSING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S "30 X 30" LAND GRAB

WHEREAS, Kearney County is a legal and political subdivision of the State of Nebraska for which the Board of County Supervisors ("Board") is authorized to act; and

WHEREAS, Kearney County containing about 327,680 acres of land situated in the South Central area of the state; 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 Kearney 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, recreational industries, hunting and other outdoor recreation; and

WHEREAS, these industries are important components of the Nebraska economy, and are major contributors to the economic and social wellbeing of Kearney 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 Nebraska, and in particular rural counties such as Kearney 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 Kearney County

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."

WHEREAS, Kearney County seeks to be consulted for coordination of policy development with respect to any plans, policies, or programs of the federal government

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Supervisors of Kearney County, Nebraska, as follows:

1. The Board opposes the 30 x 30 program, including any 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, including land in Kearney County.
2. The Board further opposes the designation of lands in Kearney County as wilderness, wilderness study areas, wildlife preserves, open space, or other conservation land, to the extent that such designations restrict public access to such lands, prevent the development and productive use of the resources on or within such lands, or restrict responsible local land management such as to prevent risks of fire, insect infestation, disease, or other,
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 Nebraska's constitutional and statutory water rights and 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 Kearney County that would impair or restrict water diversions and uses authorized under the Constitution of the State of Nebraska and Nebraska 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 Kearney County, its businesses, and its citizens.

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

DATED this 6<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021.

ATTEST:

Myra Johnson  
Myra Johnson,  
Clerk of the Board



BOARD OF COUNTY SUPERVISORS OF KEARNEY COUNTY, STATE OF NEBRASKA

By: Brent Stewart

Brent Stewart, Chairperson



Upon motion duly made and seconded the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the following vote:

SUPERVISORS: Landstrom, Schwenka, Miller, Swanson, Anderson and Stewart  
Nay: None  
Absent and not voting: Bunting

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. 2021-\_\_

### 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.”<sup>1</sup>

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.”<sup>2</sup>

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.<sup>3</sup>

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.<sup>4</sup>

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.”<sup>5</sup> 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.”<sup>6</sup>

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.<sup>7</sup>

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.<sup>8</sup>

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,”<sup>9</sup> 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 11 million acre loss and the 681 million 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.<sup>10</sup>
- 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.”<sup>11</sup>

22. The letter was signed by our Montana Governor Greg Gianforte and by the Governor of our neighbors in North Dakota, Doug Burgum.

23. Our Montana Attorney General Austin Knudsen has said that he also will defend Montana and its citizens against 30 x 30.

24. 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.

25. 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.

26. Montana U. S. Senator Steve Daines voted no on the confirmation of 30 x 30 proponent Debra Haaland as Secretary of the Interior.<sup>12</sup> In the online copy of his press statement concerning his no vote, Senator Daines includes a link to video of his examination of Haaland in her confirmation hearing. In that video, Senator Daines opposes 30 x 30 and challenges Haaland's support of it and her having been the chief proponent of it in the House of Representatives.<sup>13</sup>

27. Montana's U. S. Representative Matt Rosendale has announced his opposition to 30 x 30. He co-signed a letter from Representative Bruce Westerman, Ranking Member of the Committee on Natural Resources, to Secretary Haaland dated April 14, 2021 opposing 30 x 30, asking questions, and raising issues about non-answers from the Administration.<sup>14</sup> He is reported as saying 30 x 30 is an "arbitrary top-down government mandate. Locking up millions of acres of land with unclear goals in mind would result in countless negative impacts on both our economy and our environment."<sup>15</sup>

28. On February 16, 2021, the County Commissioners of Garfield County, Colorado passed a resolution opposing 30 x 30.

29. Since that first county resolution, more counties, soil conservation districts, water conservation districts, and regional governmental associations have adopted resolutions opposing 30 x 30. Forty-one such resolutions have been adopted and 10 more are in the resolution-making process.

30. In Montana, the Valley County Commissioners<sup>16</sup> and the Pondera County Commissioners<sup>17</sup> adopted resolutions opposing 30 x 30, and the Missouri River Basin Cooperative State Grazing District<sup>18</sup> has adopted a resolution opposing 30 x 30.

31. In Richland County, ranchers, stockgrowers, farmers, public figures, and other citizens have raised awareness about 30 x 30<sup>19</sup> and opposition to it is growing as people learn about it.

32. 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.

33. In the rebranding, America the Beautiful claims:

- A. 30 x 30 is a local initiative.
- B. Permanently locking up land or water is voluntary.

34. 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.<sup>20</sup>

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 Richland 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 Richland County's citizens and to the interests of Richland County as a local government.

37. 30 x 30 is supported by groups like Defenders of Wildlife who already sought to destroy Richland County's freedom, way of life, and economy by its federal lawsuit to abolish irrigation from the Intake Diversion dam on the Yellowstone River,<sup>21</sup> though the dam was authorized by Congress<sup>22</sup> and re-paid for by Richland County farmers.<sup>23</sup> Defenders of Wildlife continues to threaten Richland County by its support for interference at critical times with irrigation from the Missouri River by altering releases of water from the Fort Peck Reservoir.

38. Because the rebranding of 30 x 30 tries to sell it as a local initiative, it is essential that Montana's Governor, Senators, Representative, Attorney General, Legislators, and others know they have the local support of Richland County as they defend us by their opposition to 30 x 30. This resolution can help them refute the false claim that 30 x 30 is a local initiative.

39. 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.

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

Montana is privately owned land, and the land most poorly managed is under management by federal agencies and environmentalist elites. Montana’s 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.

41. 30 x 30 is an accusation that the landowners of Richland County are unable or unwilling to care properly for the land, which we find to be simply not true.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Richland County, State of Montana this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 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. **30 x 30 Termination Act.** We support passage of the “30 x 30 Termination Act” introduced in the United States Congress by Mrs. Representative Lauren Boebert. We urge Senator John Tester, Senator Steve Daines, and Representative Matt Rosendale to work for the passage of that act, to introduce additional measures heading in the same direction, and work for their passage.

3. **Private Property Rights.** We support continued private ownership of land in Richland 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, the Enabling Act,<sup>24</sup> Montana’s Compact with the United States,<sup>25</sup> and the Constitution of Montana.

4. **Montana Water Rights Law.** We recognize and support the State of Montana’s water rights system, including the doctrine of prior appropriation and other state laws and programs governing water rights and water use, and oppose any federal designation of waters and watercourses within the county that would impair or restrict water diversions and uses authorized under Montana law.

5. **Support for Our Leaders.** We support Governor Greg Gianforte, Attorney General Austin Knudsen, Senator Steve Daines, Representative Matt Rosendale, Senator Steve Hinebaugh, and Representative Brandon Ler for the efforts they already have made to oppose 30 x 30 and encourage them to continue their efforts. We urge Senator John Tester to defend Richland County by opposing 30 x 30, and if he does, we resolve to help and support him in the effort.

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

Attest

\_\_\_\_\_  
Stephanie Verhasselt

\_\_\_\_\_  
Duane Mitchell

County Clerk & Recorder

Chairman

( county seal )

Votes: \_\_\_\_\_ for  
\_\_\_\_\_ against  
\_\_\_\_\_ absent  
\_\_\_\_\_ abstaining

<sup>1</sup> See 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.

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

<sup>3</sup> “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).

<sup>4</sup> “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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<sup>7</sup> 86 Fed. Reg. 7,619 (Vol. 86, No. 19, Monday, February 1, 2021).

<sup>8</sup> § 216(a).

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

<sup>10</sup> “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).

<sup>11</sup> “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).

<sup>12</sup> “Daines Votes No on Haaland Confirmation,” Press Statement, March 15, 2021, <https://www.daines.senate.gov/news/press-releases/daines-votes-no-on-haaland-confirmation> (accessed June 3, 2021).

<sup>13</sup> The Press Statement says, “To watch Round Three of the hearing exchange on Haaland’s 30 X 30 Initiative and balancing multiple-use, click [HERE](#),” providing the link <https://www.dropbox.com/s/mh4zexmmtzngeyz/02.24.21%20Haaland%20Questions%20Whole%20mp4?dl=0> (accessed June 3, 2021).

<sup>14</sup> Letter from Representative Bruce Westerman to Secretary Haaland, April 14, 2021, <https://republicans-naturalresources.house.gov/uploadedfiles/2021-04->

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<sup>15</sup> “GQP Whines 30 X 30 Lands Plan Lacks Details; Provide Nothing In Their Turn But Same Cliches,” Democratic Underground.com, <https://www.democraticunderground.com/1127144853> (accessed June 3, 2021)

<sup>16</sup> Resolution No. 12-2021, April 21, 2021.

<sup>17</sup> Resolution #38 – 2020/21, May 19, 2021.

<sup>18</sup> Resolution Opposing the Federal Government’s “30 x 30” Land Preservation, April 29, 2021.

<sup>19</sup> “Meeting Set To Explain The Biden Administration's 30 X 30 Program, Sidney, June 2,” *The Roundup*, May 26, 2021, <https://www.roundupweb.com/story/2021/05/26/news/meeting-set-to-explain-the-biden-administrations-30-x-30-program-sidney-june-2/15469.html> (accessed June 3, 2021).

<sup>20</sup> Rescission of Department of Interior Secretarial Order 3388.

<sup>21</sup> *Defenders of Wildlife v. United States Army Corps of Eng'Rs*, U. S. Dist. Ct., Dist of Mont., Great Falls Division, CV-15-14-GF-BMM, *Defenders of Wildlife & NRDC v. United States Army Corps of Eng'rs*, 730 Fed. Appx. 413, U. S. Ct of App., 9th Cir., No. 17-35712, No. 17-35713, 730 Fed. Appx. 413, 2018 U.S. App. LEXIS 8558, 86 ERC (BNA) 1177, 2018 WL 1615962 (unpublished decision).

<sup>22</sup> 33 Stat. 1045.

<sup>23</sup> Written notice dated May 3, 1978 from the Acting Regional Director, Bureau of Reclamation, United States Department of Interior, addressed to the President of Lower Yellowstone Irrigation District No. 1, the United States acknowledging “that construction charges due the United States under Contract No. Ilr-103 dated September 23, 1926, are completed.”

<sup>24</sup> The Enabling Act by which Congress enabled Montana to be a state in the Union requires that Montana’s “constitution . . . not be repugnant to the Constitution of the United States and the principles of the Declaration of Independence.” Act of February 22, 1889, Ch. 180, 25 Statutes at Large 676, Section 4.

<sup>25</sup> Montana’s Compact with the United States set forth in the Constitution of Montana provides that “All provisions of the enabling act of Congress . . . continue in full force and effect.” Constitution of Montana (1972), Art. I.

**(Federal Land County – Model Resolution Opposing the 30 x 30 Program)**

STATE OF NEBRASKA

COUNTY OF WEBSTER

At a regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners for Webster, Nebraska, held at the Webster County Courthouse, 621 N Cedar St, Red Cloud, Nebraska on April 6, 2021, there were present:

TJ Vance, Gary Ratzlaff, Tim Gilbert, Trevor Karr and Dan Shipman

RESOLUTION NO. 2021- 18

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT’S “30 X 30” LAND PRESERVATION GOAL**

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

WHEREAS, Webster County containing about [number] acres of land situated in [area of state]; and

WHEREAS, the federal government owns [%] of the land within the County, and the [insert primary federal land management agencies] are responsible for managing over [number] acres of these federal lands [if have appropriate map insert the following: “as illustrated in *Exhibit A*, attached hereto”]; and

WHEREAS, approximately [number] acres (nearly [%] percent) of privately owned land in Webster County are also already protected with perpetual conservation easements [if have appropriate map insert the following: “as illustrated in *Exhibit A*, attached hereto”]; and

WHEREAS, [Describe prominent protected federal and state land designations within the county such as Parks, Wilderness and Refuges. Include map if have available]; 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 Webster 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 Webster County businesses and its citizens are involved in or otherwise depend on industries that utilize federal lands and their resources, including the forest

products industry, 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 Nebraska economy, and are major contributors to the economic and social wellbeing of Webster 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, the 30 x 30 program, if implemented, is likely to cause significant harm to the economy of Webster County, and injure the County’s businesses and its citizens by depriving them of access to public lands and national forest system 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 [State], and in particular rural counties such as Webster County whose citizens depend on access to federal lands for their livelihoods; and

WHEREAS, the 30 x 30 program, if implemented, will conflict with the plans, policies and programs of Webster County as expressed in [Name of Planning Document], adopted [Date] which obligates the federal government to coordinate its policy development with [Name] as also required by the Federal Land Management and Policy Act (FLPMA) and the National Forest Management Act (NFMA); 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 Webster County, Nebraska, 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 Webster 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 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 Webster 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 Nebraska'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 Nebraska 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 Webster County, its businesses, and its citizens, and careful coordination with Webster 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

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 [NEBRASKA] water rights system, including the doctrine of [Insert applicable State water law principles, such as prior appropriation or rule of capture, etc] 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 [NEBRASKA] 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 [NEBRASKA] 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; and

DATED this 6TH day of APRIL, 2021.

ATTEST:

Louise Petsch [Name of Clerk]  
Clerk of the Board, LOUISE PETSCH



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF [WEBSTER] COUNTY, STATE OF [NEBRASKA]

By: Tyler J Vance [Name], Chairman, TYLER J VANCE

Upon motion duly made and seconded the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Commissioners:

- [List Commissioners and vote]
- DAN SHIPMAN - DISTRICT ONE
- TREVOR KARR - DISTRICT TWO
- T J VANCE - DISTRICT THREE
- TIM GILBERT - DISTRICT FOUR
- GARY RATZLAFF - DISTRICT FIVE

(ALL COMMISSIONERS VOTED IN FAVOR)

## RESOLUTION #21-22

A Resolution of the York County Board of Commissioners Opposing Executive Order 14008 entitled tackling climate crisis at home and abroad (86 Fed. Reg. 7,819)

WHEREAS, York County is a legal and political subdivision of the State of Nebraska for which the Board of County commissioners is authorized to act; and

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2021, the President of the United State of America, issued Executive Order 14008 entitled Tackling Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad (86 Fed. Reg. 7,619); and

WHEREAS, In section 216 of Executive Order 14008, the President of the United States of America directed the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Commerce, the Chair of the Council of Environmental Quality, and the heads of other relevant agencies, to submit a report to the Task Force within 90 days of the date of the 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; and

WHEREAS, further in Section 216, (i) The secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Commerce, through the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality shall, as appropriate, solicit input from State, local, Tribal and territorial officials, agricultural and forest landowners, fishermen, and other key stakeholders in identifying strategies that will encourage broad participation in the goal of conserving 30 percent of our lands and waters by 2030; and

WHEREAS, further in Section 216, (ii) the report to be submitted pursuant to the Executive Order shall propose guidelines for determining whether lands and waters qualify for conservation, and it also shall establish mechanisms to measure progress toward the 30 percent goal; and

WHEREAS, the York County Board of Commissioners desire to oppose Executive Order 14008, specifically Section 216 as written and will continues to monitor the development of any regulations adopted pursuant to said Executive Order as to the impact any such actions may have in York County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by York County Board of Commissioners, that this Board does hereby oppose Executive Order 14008, specifically Section 216 as written and that it will continues to monitor any actions or regulations adopted pursuant to the Executive Order as to the potential for impact in York County, Nebraska.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, we would at this time support Governor Pete Ricketts Executive order 21-08 signed June 24<sup>th</sup> of 2021.

Dated this 29<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021.

Moved by Bamesberger, Seconded by Sikes

Roll Call: Yeas, Bamesberger, Sikes, Grotz, Bulgrin and Obermier;

Nays, none,

Motion carried.

STATE OF NEBRASKA, )

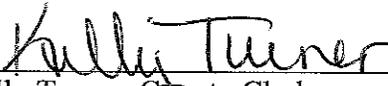
) ss:

CERTIFICATION

COUNTY OF YORK )

I, Kelly Turner, County Clerk in and for York County, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of that certain Resolution passed by the York County Board of Commissioners at its regular meeting held on the 29th day of June, 2021 as the same remains on file and of record in my office.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this 29th day of June, 2021.

  
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Kelly Turner, County Clerk  
York County, Nebraska

