

**MESA COUNTY, COLORADO**  
**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MESA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**CONCERNING WOLF MANAGEMENT IN COLORADO**

**WHEREAS**, Mesa County residents and visitors enjoy abundant outdoor recreational opportunities, especially viewing, photographing and hunting the West Slope’s large populations of deer, elk and moose (which have recently been successfully reintroduced into this area); and

**WHEREAS**, these outdoor recreational activities and livestock production are two the primary components of the Colorado economy, and are a major contributor to the economic and social wellbeing of Mesa County; and

**WHEREAS**, predation by wolves of the majestic wildlife and domestic livestock is a serious problem that Colorado shouldn’t invite, encourage or accept; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to the negative economic social impacts of wolf reintroduction, wolves pose a danger to the physical health of household pets and people due to predation and the transmission of diseases; and

**WHEREAS**, ongoing private efforts to reintroduce wolves into Colorado are unnecessary based upon the scientific input from the federal and state agencies tasked with managing wildlife populations; and

**WHEREAS**, gray wolf reintroduction efforts in the northern Rocky Mountains have exceeded recovery goals, Colorado is not part of the historic range of the Mexican wolf, and existing federal wolf recovery efforts do not include establishing populations of either the gray wolf or the Mexican wolf in Colorado; and

**WHEREAS**, the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission passed Resolution 16-01 opposing the intentional release of any wolves into Colorado; and

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

- A. The Board opposes any efforts to introduce or expand the populations of wolves into Colorado; and
- B. The Board supports the recommendations of the Colorado Wolf Working Group, which were adopted by the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission in 2005; and
- C. The Board supports the position taken by the Colorado Parks and Wildlife in its Resolution 16-1; and
- D. The Board supports delisting of all wolf species under the Endangered Species Act to allow management of wolves at the state and local levels; and

E. The Board requests that any federal or state wolf management plans include funding to offset the negative impacts of wolves on livestock, wildlife management, hunting and other adversely affected sectors of local economies; and

F. The Board supports efforts to include a requirement that any publicly funded or sponsored wolf education programs include comprehensive and balanced discussions about the impacts of wolves on local economies, and include the perspective of livestock producers, hunters, and public health officials.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, we hereunto set our hands and cause to be affixed the official seal of Mesa County this 21<sup>ST</sup> day of May, 2018.

**Mesa County Board of County Commissioners**

John Justman   
Chair \_\_\_\_\_

Rose Pugliese   
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Scott McInnis   
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**Attest:**

  
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Mesa County Clerk and Recorder

