## **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

## COUNTY OF PHILLIPS, STATE OF COLORADO

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2020-08-21-07**

## A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE COMPACT WHICH WILL APPEAR ON THE 2020 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT

WHEREAS, America's Founding Fathers created a system of checks and balances to ensure that each state would have a unique voice in the election of a President; and that no city, state, or region would consolidate too much political power; and

WHEREAS, adoption of the National Popular Vote compact concentrates political power in a few large cities located in the most populous states; and

WHEREAS, Colorado's 9 Electoral Votes are highly coveted and pursued by presidential candidates, ensuring candidates listen to Colorado's unique interests on issues such as water, infrastructure, and taxes; and

WHEREAS, National Popular Vote compact requires Colorado's Presidential Electors to cast their votes for the candidate for President who received the most votes nationally, even if that candidate did not receive the most votes in Colorado; and

WHEREAS, requiring Colorado's Presidential Electors to cast their votes this way would give away Colorado's votes for President to more populated areas like Chicago, Los Angeles, New York and Washington, D.C., relegating Colorado's electorate to a mere bit play in Presidential elections; and

WHEREAS, National Popular Vote compact contains no majority requirement and would allow a candidate with a plurality, however small, to become President;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Phillips County Board of County Commissioners officially declares its opposition to National Popular Vote compact for the purpose of ensuring proper checks and balances against accumulation of political power and to protect Colorado's unique political voice in presidential politics.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this 21st day of August, 2020 at PHILLIPS COUNTY, COLORADO.

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Donald J Kock, Commissioner

Harlan Stern, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Beth Zilla, Phillips County Clerk