



STATE OF COLORADO)
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COUNTY OF PHILLIPS)

RESOLUTION No. 2024-10-09-01

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF PHILLIPS COUNTY, COLORADO, OPPOSING COLORADO BALLOT INITIATIVE 91**

WHEREAS, respectful and responsible hunting is a time-honored tradition in Colorado; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the state of Colorado that the state’s wildlife and their environment are to be protected, preserved, enhanced, and managed for the use, benefit, and enjoyment of the people of this state and its visitors; and

WHEREAS, Colorado’s wildlife is a resource owned by the people of this state; and

WHEREAS, Colorado law provides that the state “shall utilize hunting, trapping, and fishing as the primary methods of effecting necessary wildlife harvests”; and

WHEREAS, the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation used by Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) is the most successful wildlife management model in the world; and

WHEREAS, the populations of mountain lion, bobcat and lynx are thriving, healthy, and stable in Colorado under the current CPW management plan; and

WHEREAS, the human population of Colorado continues to grow, and residential development continues to expand into traditional mountain lion and bobcat habitat; and

WHEREAS, an unmanaged population of large predators will inevitably lead to increased human conflict, on both agricultural and residential lands; and

WHEREAS, sapient citizens need look no further than the bloody and financially ruinous aftermath of gray wolf reintroduction on agricultural lands following the passage of Proposition 114 in 2020 to understand the folly of ballot-box biology; and

WHEREAS, Ballot Initiative 91 would upend decades of research by CPW, eviscerate the West Slope Mountain Lion Plan, and render irrelevant an ongoing decade-long study in the Upper Arkansas River drainage basin to establish the relationship between human-lion conflict and changes in hunter harvest levels; and

WHEREAS, Ballot Initiative 91 is another example of misguided ballot-box biology, funded largely by groups outside of Colorado, which contains language that is confusing at best, and intentionally deceptive at worst.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Phillips, State of Colorado:

THAT, the Phillips County Commissioners hereby convey their opposition to Ballot Initiative 91; and

THAT, the Phillips County Commissioners also commend Colorado Parks and Wildlife for its exemplary work to maintain healthy and thriving populations of mountain lion, bobcat and lynx, and for its national leadership in wildlife conservation.

THE ABOVE AND FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS, ON A MOTION DULY MADE AND SECONDED, ADOPTED THIS 9th DAY OF OCTOBER 2024, BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD OF PHILLIPS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.



ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF PHILLIPS, COLORADO

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