

STATE OF COLORADO

COUNTY OF PHILLIPS

RESOLUTION 2021 - 09

**OPPOSING BALLOT INITIATIVE 16 IN ORDER TO PROTECT OUR
LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY AND PREVENT NEEDLESS ANIMAL SUFFERING**

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2021 a citizens initiative entitled "Protect Animals from Unnecessary Suffering and Exploitation (PAUSE) was approved by the Title Board of the Colorado Secretary of State for petition to the November 2022 General Election as Initiative 16; and

WHEREAS, the initiative would broadly redefine animal sexual abuse in a manner that would criminalize many common and necessary veterinary and animal husbandry practices; and

WHEREAS, the initiative would additionally require tremendous delays, in some cases years, prior to humane processing of livestock for food; and

WHEREAS, these delays (of up to one-quarter of an animal's statutorily defined lifespan) would greatly increase the cost to ranchers to feed and care for these animals which at processing would produce meat of low value to the consumer at much higher purchase costs; and

WHEREAS, for many meat producing animal varieties (specifically poultry) bred for rapid weight gain, the result of delayed processing will be the suffering of morbidly obese animals unable to support their own body weight for years prior to processing; and

WHEREAS, it has been reported that Governor Polis agrees that the PAUSE initiative would "hurt Colorado, and destroy jobs"; and

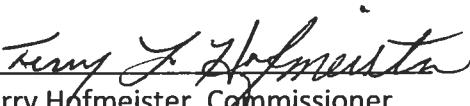
WHEREAS, this board is absolutely against the infliction of needless suffering of animals and recognize that our cattle and livestock producers take great effort to treat their animals humanely.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE PHILLIPS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PHILLIPS COUNTY, COLORADO oppose this Initiative and urges the Governor of Colorado and Commissioner of the Colorado Department of Agriculture to continue to do the same; and

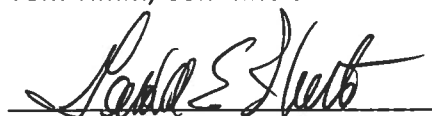
FINALLY, SHALL IT BE RESOLVED, that all people who care about the well-being of animals such as livestock, pets, service animals and other take action to defeat this measure.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 31st day of March 2021.

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


Terry Hofmeister, Commissioner


Tom Timm, Commissioner


Garold Roberts, Commissioner

ATTEST :  Beth Zilla, County Clerk