

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY ON CURRY
RESOLUTION NUMBER: 2015-20**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF CURRY COUNTY COMMISSION REQUESTING THAT
GOVERNOR SUSANA MARTINEZ DENOUNCE THE MEXICAN WOLF RECOVERY PROGRAM
AND TO FORMALLY ENGAGE AND DEMAND THAT THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
INTERIOR TURN MANAGEMENT OF MEXICAN WOLVES OVER TO THE STATE**

WHEREAS, the livestock, hunting, outfitting, guiding, recreation, trapping and other land use industries in New Mexico annually contribute billions of dollars to the state's economy; and

WHEREAS, the United States fish and wildlife service has implemented a Mexican wolf recovery program in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the United States fish and wildlife service recently enacted a new program regarding Mexican wolves that greatly expands the area in New Mexico where wolves will be released and new wolf packs established; and

WHEREAS, Mexican wolf depredation and failed federal interdiction policies have caused enormous economic harm to the industries and local communities in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, wolf introduction efforts elsewhere in the United States have led to similar effects on the livestock, hunting, outfitting, guiding, recreation, trapping and other land use industries and caused drastic decreases in wildlife populations while wolf populations have increased unmanaged and unchecked; and

WHEREAS, in promulgating the new federal program regarding Mexican wolves, the federal government failed to adequately analyze the current and reasonably foreseeable negative environmental and economic impacts of the revised federal Mexican wolf introduction program; and

WHEREAS, the federal government is continuing an illegal program of releasing wolves in New Mexico against the wishes of the affected citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Endangered Species Act does not allow listing at the subspecies level (*Canis lupus baileyi*), and gray wolves (*Canis lupus*) have been proposed to be delisted; and

WHEREAS, the federal government continues to prove it is not capable of fiscally or biologically managing Mexican wolves in New Mexico.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the Board of Curry County Commission that the New Mexico Governor is respectfully requested to formally engage the United States Department of the Interior and request immediate withdrawal of the Mexican wolf recovery program and relinquish management of Mexican wolves to the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish for management as any other predator or nuisance species; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior, New Mexico Governor Susana Martinez, State Senator Stuart Ingle, State Senator Pat Woods, Representative Dennis Roch, Representative George Dodge and Representative Randal Crowder.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of April, 2015.

**CURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CURRY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

Nay

Ben L. McDaniel, Chairman

Wendell Bostwick
Wendell Bostwick, Vice-Chairman

Nay

Angelina Baca, Member

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Tim Ashley, Member

ATTEST:

Rosalie Riley
Rosalie Riley, County Clerk

