

RESOLUTION 2014-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, GRAHAM COUNTY ARIZONA, REGARDING THE REINTRODUCTION OF THE MEXICAN GRAY WOLF PROGRAM

WHEREAS, one of the staples of the Graham County economy is and has historically been ranching; and

WHEREAS, It is our hope that ranching continues to be woven into the economic fabric of Graham County for many future generations; and

WHEREAS, Graham County has been in opposition to the Mexican Gray Wolf reintroduction from the inception of the program; and

WHEREAS, Graham County recognizes that the United States Fish & Wildlife Service has the final say on the operation of the program but also recognizes the rights provided to the State of Arizona; and

WHEREAS, Graham County remains committed to further discussions surrounding this program

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT,

- 1) No wolves should be released within Graham County
- 2) Should wolves be found in Graham County that they be captured and removed
- 3) Should wolves be present in Graham County the citizens must have the ability to defend their families, livestock and personal possessions
- 4) Should the reintroduction program continue, several guidelines should be followed:
 - a. Wolves should be confined to areas of high elk concentration of which there are none in Graham County
 - b. Ranchers and tribes within the primary release and recovery zones should be sufficiently compensated on a calf crop basis

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 21ST DAY OF JULY, 2014.

GRAHAM COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

/s/: Danny Smith, Chairman

/s/: James A. Palmer, Vice-Chairman

/s/: Drew John, Member

/s/: P.J. Allred, Sheriff

ATTEST:

/s/: Terry Cooper, Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

/s/: Kenneth Angle, County Attorney