

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_, SERIES OF 2024**

**RESOLUTION 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 Fremont County Board of County Commissioners as follows:

1. The Fremont County Commissioners hereby convey their opposition to Ballot Initiative 91; and

2. The Fremont 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.

Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ moved for adoption of the foregoing Resolution, seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and approved by roll call vote as follows:

Debbie Bell	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Kevin Grantham	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Dwayne McFall	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT

The Resolution was declared to be duly adopted.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF FREMONT COUNTY

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk to the Board