

RESOLUTION NO. _____, SERIES OF 2021

A RESOLUTION FOR THE FREMONT COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, FREMONT COUNTY, COLORADO, CONCERNING REDISTRICTING AND THE DRAWING OF TWO RURAL DISTRICTS IN COLORADO

WHEREAS, every ten years the State of Colorado needs to redraw all of the congressional districts to equalize population between them; and

WHEREAS, rural Colorado has unique interests that are sometimes contrary to the interests of Front Range communities; and

WHEREAS, Colorado is expected to receive an eighth congressional district through the reapportionment process; and

WHEREAS, the Western Slope has historically been considered a community of interest; and

WHEREAS, the Eastern Plains and Southern Colorado is an easily defined community of interest; and

WHEREAS, agriculture is a primary driver of the economy in many rural counties; and

WHEREAS, energy production is a primary driver of the economy in many rural counties; and

WHEREAS, both agriculture and energy are historically considered a community of interest; and

WHEREAS, rural communities' water interests sustaining agriculture and recreation are often counter to the water interests of urban/suburban communities; and

WHEREAS, Western Slope counties are often over 50% made up of publicly owned lands, with some approaching 90% publicly owned; and

WHEREAS, rural communities have unique infrastructure needs, including telecommunications, public transportation and utilities; and

WHEREAS, tourism is a primary driver of the economy in many rural counties; and

WHEREAS, roughly one fourth of the population of the State of Colorado lives in these rural counties that rely on agriculture, energy production, and tourism to drive their economy; and

WHEREAS, drawing two rural districts allows the Congressional Redistricting Commission to better meet Constitutional requirements for compact districts with the remaining six congressional districts;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE FREMONT COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF FREMONT COUNTY, COLORADO, that the Western Slope of Colorado is a community of interest that deserves to be made whole within one congressional district; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Eastern Plains and Southern Colorado is a community of interest that deserves its own congressional district; and

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Fremont County Board of Commissioners, encourage the Congressional Redistricting Commission to ensure Colorado’s rural population is effectively represented through the creation of two fully rural (or as near as possible) districts.

Commissioner _____ moved the adoption of the foregoing Resolution with a second by Commissioner _____. The roll call vote of the Board was 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: _____

Attest:

Chairman

Clerk to the Board