

RESOLUTION NO. _____ SERIES OF 2024

**A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING FREMONT COUNTY'S
LIMITED RESOURCES AND PRIORITIZING
FREMONT COUNTY CITIZENS**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Fremont County, Colorado, is concerned with the potential impacts of millions of migrants illegally crossing our nation's southern border and then flowing into Colorado's Denver Metro area, potentially spilling over into smaller, more rural Colorado communities; and

WHEREAS, Denver counts the highest number of illegal aliens per capita of any large city in the nation and the Mayor of Denver, on January 31, 2024, stated that, "This is both a humanitarian crisis for the individuals that are arriving, and it's a fiscal crisis for the cities that are serving. Those two crises are coming to a head right now."; and

WHEREAS, Fremont County, which offers abundant sunshine and wide-open spaces, lacks the Human Services, Public Health, Law Enforcement, and housing resources and infrastructure to address the impacts of any measurable influx of migrants who entered our nation illegally; and

WHEREAS, in fiscal year 2023, United States Customs and Border Protection reported more than 3.2 million migrant encounters nationwide; and

WHEREAS, by July 2023, the United States Customs and Border Protection reported that it experienced more than 7 million encounters with migrants crossing the border since January of 2021, a number nearly 20 percent higher than the total population of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, the Border Patrol processed more migrants who entered the United States illegally in December 2023 than in any other month in the agency's history; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Branch of the United States has a constitutional duty to enforce federal laws protecting the states and citizens, including the immigration laws that are currently in place; and

WHEREAS, the current administration has failed to enforce those laws and has even arguably violated them, resulting in an unprecedented influx of illegal immigrants entering the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Governors of 22 states have concurred that as the Federal Government has abdicated its Constitutional responsibility to secure our borders, an opinion shared by this Board of County Commissioners through Fremont County's status as a constitutional subdivision of the Government of the State of Colorado.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE PROCLAIMED by the County Commissioners of Fremont County, that Fremont County is unable to financially or physically accommodate an

influx of illegal immigrants into the county. Further, let it be known the Fremont County Commissioners thoughts and prayers are with those illegal immigrants needing resources Fremont County is unable to provide. Finally, the County Commissioners recommit themselves to the endeavor of providing the constitutional services of land use, social services, roads and bridges, law enforcement, and public health services to the citizens who reside legally within county borders.

Commissioner _____ moved the adoption of the foregoing Resolution with a second by Commissioner _____.

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

The Resolution was declared to be duly adopted.

Date: _____

Chairman

Attest: _____

Clerk to the Board