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COUNTY CLERK
BROWN COUNTY, NE

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2021, President Joe Biden issued Executive Order 14008 (“Order”), “Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad” (86 Fed. Reg. 7,619); and,

WHEREAS, Executive Order 14008 included at Section 216 that the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture and other senior officials, was directed to develop a program to conserve at least 30 percent of the lands and waters in the United States by 2030; and,

WHEREAS, Executive Order 14008 does not cite any constitutional or statutory authority for the President, the U.S. Department of the Interior, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, or any other federal agency to set aside and permanently conserve 30 percent of all land and water in the United States. Congress determines land use policies for the federal lands, while states have sole regulatory authority to govern other lands within our states. Nowhere in the laws of our nation is the authority delegated by Congress to the President or executive agencies to unilaterally change the policies governing land use in America. Section 216 of the Order constitutes a clear overreach of executive authority, which infringes on the sovereignty of the states and rights of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Order does not identify which lands may be targeted by the program, and the Department of Interior released a fact sheet on the same day finding that only 12 percent of America’s lands are currently “conserved,” which is the level of restriction called for in the entirety of the United States and coastal waters under the new policy created by Executive Order 14008. This twelve percent includes Wilderness lands, National Parks, National Wildlife Refuges, State Parks, National Monuments, and private lands with permanent conservation easements; and,

WHEREAS, we are concerned about any effort to enlarge the federal estate or further restrict the use of public lands, and we oppose any increase in land use restrictions on our public or private lands. In order to meet the goals Executive Order 14008 envisions, the Biden Administration would have to condemn or otherwise severely limit the current productive uses of private and public lands, infringing on the private property rights of our citizens and significantly harming our economies; and,

WHEREAS, we are committed to ensuring all lands within our county are well managed, and are being productively used by our citizens to provide the food, goods, energy, and minerals necessary for a robust economy, and that private property owners have the freedom to use their lands for their purposes as they see fit, in accordance with the United States Constitution and the Constitution of the State of Nebraska, and in accordance with all applicable laws currently in effect.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED by the County Board of Commissioners of Brown County, Nebraska, that it is precisely because of our duty to provide effective stewardship of our own lands, protect private property rights, and ensure our lands are available for future generations to enjoy and use, we must object to and resist implementation of the 30 x 30 program.

DATED this 4th day of May, 2021.

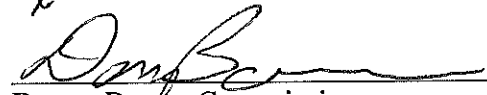
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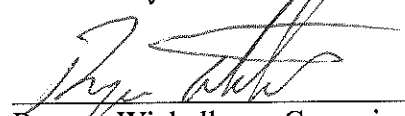



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