

**RESOLUTION #20210605**  
**OF THE CUMING COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S "30 X 30" LAND**  
**PRESERVATION GOAL**

WHEREAS, Cuming County, Nebraska is a legal and political subdivision of the State of Nebraska for which the Board of County Supervisors is authorized to act; and

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

WHEREAS, in Section 216 of Executive Order 14008 President Biden directed the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture and other senior officials, to develop a program to "conserve" at least 30% of the lands and waters in the United States by 2030, which is called the "30 x 30" program; and

WHEREAS, there is no 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, and no authority is referenced in Executive Order 14008;

WHEREAS, Congress never delegated authority to the President or executive agencies to unilaterally change the policies governing land use in the United States of America;

WHEREAS, Section 216 of Executive Order 14008 is a clear overreach of executive authority, which infringes on the sovereignty of the states and rights of its citizens;

**WHEREAS, the 30 x 30 programs, if implemented, will conflict with the plans, policies, and programs of Cuming County as expressed in the Cuming County Comprehensive Development Plan adopted December 28, 2020 Resolution 20201201;**

WHEREAS, since the issuance of Executive Order 14008 the Biden Administration has failed to exercise any of the consultation and coordination responsibilities required by the very provision of Executive Order 14008;

WHEREAS, States, agriculture stakeholders and private landowners have been excluded from any portion of the process of Executive Order 14008;

WHEREAS, land use for agriculture production, grazing and animal production are essential to our economy and very survival;

WHEREAS, setting aside 30% of land and putting it under federal control for the purposes of "conservation" within every county, including Cuming County, would destroy livelihoods and economies throughout our country. Livestock depends on crop production generated from private lands for feed production, and

WHEREAS, Cuming County relies on private land ownership as one of the nation's biggest cattle feeding counties, and relies upon farming in order to feed cattle and other livestock, setting aside 30% of the land and water would severely cripple Cuming County's production of those essential food products, products that not only feed Cuming County residents, but also 'Cuming County Feeds the World';

WHEREAS, placing private lands into permanent conservation will cause harm to the economies of rural counties such as Cuming County whose citizens depend on private lands for their livelihoods;

WHEREAS, implementing the 30 x 30 plan would shift the property tax load onto private landowners. If significant amounts of privately owned real estate were converted to real estate set aside for conservation use only, it would shift the property tax load onto fewer private landowners and would affect Cuming County's ability to provide and maintain the basic infrastructure and personnel needed to support operations in Cuming County for all its citizens.

Be it further RESOLVED that the Cuming County Board of Supervisors insists any non-federal lands or other rights that may be acquired to fulfill the objectives of Executive Order 14008 must only be acquired from willing landowners and for the payment full and market value for all rights and interests acquired, and not through regulatory compulsion, and only after analyzing and considering the impacts of such land acquisitions on the well-being, health, safety, welfare, economy, and culture of Cuming County, its businesses and its citizens.

The Cuming County Board of Supervisors shall send a copy of this Resolution to the Department of Interior, Department of Agriculture and all other relevant Federal and State agencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Board of Supervisors of Cuming County, Nebraska, stand in opposition to the "30 x 30 program" contained in Executive Order 14008 signed on January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021, by President Biden.

Signed this 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021.

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Chairman



Attest:   
County Clerk