

PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION OF THE MERRICK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OPPOSING EXECUTIVE ORDER 14008 ENTITLED TACKLING CLIMATE CRISIS AT HOME AND ABROAD (86 Fed. Reg. 7,819).

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

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

WHEREAS, in Section 216 of Executive Order 14008, the President of the United States of America directed the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Commerce, the Chair of the Council of Environmental Quality, and the heads of other relevant agencies, to submit a report to the Task Force within 90 days of the date of the Order recommending steps that the United States should take, working with State, local, Tribal, and territorial governments, agricultural and forest landowners, fishermen, and other key stakeholders, to achieve the goal of conserving at least 30 percent of our lands and waters by 2030; and

WHEREAS, further in Section 216, (i) The Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Commerce, through the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality shall, as appropriate, solicit input from State, local, Tribal, and territorial officials, agricultural and forest landowners, fishermen, and other key stakeholders in identifying strategies that will encourage broad participation in the goal of conserving 30 percent of our lands and waters by 2030; and

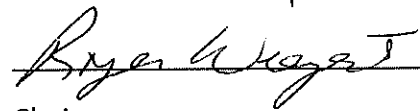
WHEREAS, further in Section 216, (ii) the report to be submitted pursuant to the Executive Order shall propose guidelines for determining whether lands and waters qualify for conservation, and it also shall establish mechanisms to measure progress toward the 30-percent goal; and

WHEREAS, the Merrick County Board of Supervisors desires to oppose Executive Order 14008, specifically Section 216 as written and will continue to monitor the development of any regulations adopted pursuant to said Executive Order as to the impact any such actions may have in Merrick County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Merrick County Board of Supervisors, that this Board does hereby oppose Executive Order 14008, specifically Section 216 as written and that it will continue to monitor any actions or regulations adopted pursuant to the Executive Order as to the potential for impact in Merrick County, Nebraska.

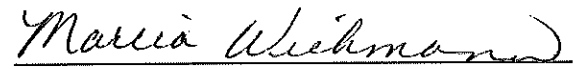
PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 26 DAY OF April, 2021.

MERRICK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,

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Chairman

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Marcia Wichmann", is written over a solid horizontal line.

Marcia Wichmann, Merrick County Clerk