

STATE OF COLORADO)
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COUNTY OF ELBERT)

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Dallas Schroeder Recorder, Elbert County, Co



At a regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Elbert County, State of Colorado, held at the Elbert County Agricultural Building in Kiowa, Colorado 80107 on Wednesday, the 24th day of March 2020, there were present:

Chris Richardson	County Commissioner, Chairman
Rick Pettitt	County Commissioner
Grant Thayer	County Commissioner
Amanda Moore	Deputy Clerk to the Board

When the following proceedings, among others, were had and done, to wit:

RESOLUTION 21- 17
OPPOSING BALLOT INITIATIVE 16 IN ORDER TO PROTECT OUR
LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY AND PREVENT NEEDLESS ANIMAL SUFFERING

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2021, a citizens initiative entitled “Protect Animals from Unnecessary Suffering and Exploitation (PAUSE) was approved by the Title Board of the Colorado Secretary of State for petition to the November 2022 General Election as Initiative 16; and

WHEREAS, the initiative would broadly redefine animal sexual abuse in a manner that would criminalize many common and necessary veterinary and animal husbandry practices: and

WHEREAS, the initiative would additionally require tremendous delays, in some cases years, prior to the humane slaughter of livestock for food; and

WHEREAS, these delays (of up to one-quarter of an animals statutorily defined lifespan) would greatly increase the costs to ranchers to feed and care for these animals which at slaughter would produce meat of low value to the consumer at much higher purchase costs; and

WHEREAS, for many meat producing animal varieties (specifically poultry) bred for rapid weight gain, the result of delayed slaughter will be the suffering of morbidly obese animals unable to support their own body weight for years prior to processing; and

WHEREAS, it has been reported that even the Governor of Colorado agrees that the PAUSE initiative would “hurt Colorado, and destroy jobs”; and

WHEREAS, this board abhors the infliction of needless suffering of animals recognizes that our cattle and livestock producers take great effort to treat their animals humanely.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE ELBERT COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ELBERT COUNTY, COLORADO that the Commission opposes this Initiative and urges the Governor of Colorado and Commissioner of the Colorado Department of Agriculture to continue to do the same; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, urges all citizens of Elbert County to decline to sign any petition that supports placing Initiative 16 (PAUSE) on the November 2022 ballot; and

FINALLY, SHALL IT BE RESOLVED, that all people that care about the well-being of animals – be they livestock, pets, service animals, or other – take action to defeat this measure if it does make the November 2022 ballot.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 24th day of March 2021.

Upon a Motion duly made and seconded, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:


Chris Richardson, Commissioner AYE


Rick Pettitt, Commissioner AYE


Grant Thayer, Commissioner AYE

ATTEST: DALLAS SCHROEDER
COUNTY CLERK

BY: Amanda W Moore
DEPUTY CLERK TO THE BOARD – Amanda Moore

