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COUNTY OF ELBERT }

At a regular meeting of the board of County Commissioners for Elbert County, State of Colorado, held at the Courthouse in Kiowa on Wednesday, the 14th day of MAY A. D. 2014, there were present:

Kurt C. Schlegel	Commissioner; Chair
Robert Rowland	Commissioner; Vice Chair
Larry Ross	Commissioner
Sheryl Caldwell	Deputy, Clerk to the Board

Resolution No. 14-24

OPPOSING ANY STATEWIDE BALLOT INITIATIVE THAT INHIBITS FREE COMMERCE, INCLUDING GAS & OIL EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION, IN ELBERT COUNTY

WHEREAS, Elbert County encourages resource extraction, including oil and gas exploration and development, and other forms of viable energy development, including wind energy generation facilities, because of the considerable benefit they bring to the County, its citizens, it's economy and to individual property owners; and

WHEREAS, the oil and gas industry supports over 110,000 jobs in Colorado; and

WHEREAS, the oil and gas industry in Colorado generates approximately 11 percent of the State's gross domestic product; and

WHEREAS, private property rights are sacrosanct in Colorado; and

WHEREAS, Elbert County recognizes the legal rights and privileges of surface and mineral owners to extract and develop their surface and sub-surface mineral interests, including the right to lease their wind rights without unnecessary interference or delay or requirements by local government; and

WHEREAS, numerous statewide ballot initiatives have been proposed that, if passed, would amend the State Constitution thereby giving local governments the ability to supersede State law governing private business and property rights; and

WHEREAS, adoption of such measure(s) will send an anti-business message to private sector businesses and entrepreneurs, and



WHEREAS, the broad reaching impact of such measures demands a definitive and strong response from Colorado businesses and government alike,

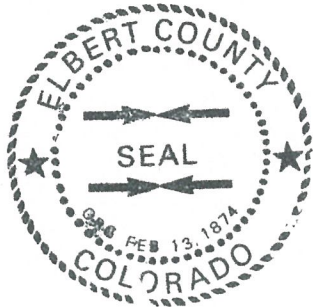
BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, the Board of County Commissioners of Elbert County do hereby oppose any statewide initiatives that pose a serious and substantial risk to Elbert County's and Colorado's economies; and hereby supports and joins Coloradans for Responsible Reform (CFRR), Coloradans for Responsible Energy Development (CRED), Protecting Colorado's Environment, Economy and Energy Independence, National Association of Royalty Owners (NARO), and Vital for Colorado in keeping such measures off of a statewide ballot, or, if necessary, urging their defeat.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the following vote:


Kurt C. Schlegel, Commissioner; Chair Aye


Robert Rowland, Commissioner; Vice Chair Aye


Larry Ross, Commissioner Aye NAY



**ATTEST: DALLAS SCHROEDER
COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER**

BY: 
Deputy, Clerk to the Board