

Angel Cushing

Proponent of HB2476:

AN ACT concerning national land designations; requiring legislative approval of any designation of a national heritage area or national historic trail in the state of Kansas or the inclusion of certain property within any such designation; prohibiting state funding of any national heritage area or national historic trail unless such funding is first approved by the legislature of the state of Kansas.

Dear Chairman Carpenter and members of the Fed and State Committee,

The points I will be addressing in my oral testimony is:

HB2476 is a combination of 2 laws. One passed in Montana, the other passed in North Dakota.

Congress is the only body that can create the jurisdictions and designations. Congress is the only body that can remove areas from jurisdictions and designations. This legislation cannot change or alter what Congress has created or wishes to create.

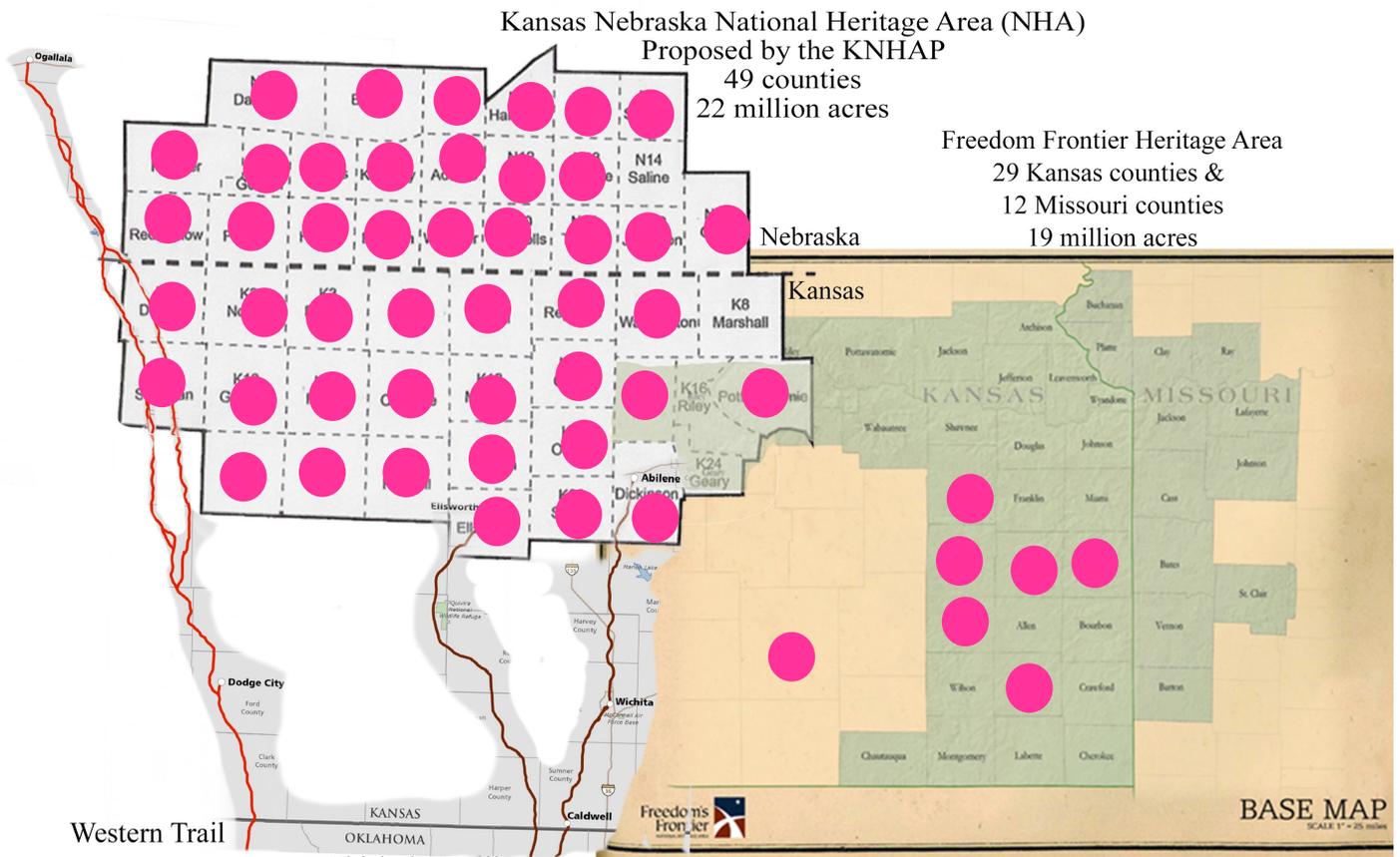
NHAs and Trails were a result of a compromise after the Sagebrush Rebellion. They are attached to budgets in order to get through Congress. NONE of the property owners are ever notified that they have been placed in a federal boundary and are now part of a federal land management plan.

This legislation will force the special interest groups to be more transparent. Should they fail to get an approving vote, this legislation will force the special interest groups and the National Park Service to work with local communities for their financial support, as dictated in their enabling laws.

The pink dots on the following page indicate counties that have passed resolutions not wanting to be in a National Heritage Area, or have a National Trail come through their counties. Those that do not have pink dots do not yet know about the designation or are afraid of the federal government. Please hear the people. Please vote in favor of this bill.

Sincerely,

Angel Cushing



How much area do these trails take in? We do not know at this time.

4 counties overlap into both areas. Why? Clay, Riley, Pottawatomie, Geary counties are in Freedom Frontier. Why would you put them in another Heritage area?

RESOLUTION # 2021-15

A resolution opposing a National Heritage Area in Decatur County.

Whereas, Kansas Nebraska Heritage Area Partnership is pursuing a National Heritage Area designation encompassing 49 counties, (26 in Kansas, 23 in Nebraska, equaling 35,792 square miles) with a total population of 650,000;

Whereas, Congress has designated National Heritage Areas which encompass vast amounts of privately held land in order to highlight areas of specific interest. Citizens of this county appreciate efforts to encourage economic development, but oppose blanket designations that put dissenting private landowners in the unreasonable position of having to "opt out" of federally mandated boundaries;

Whereas, the establishment of a 49-county National Heritage Area would adversely influence local officials to pass zoning laws not otherwise needed in order to accommodate a National Heritage Area Management Plan developed by the National Park Service and approved by the Secretary of the Interior, thereby altering well-established processes for land use regulation;

Whereas, A National Heritage Area designation invites interference in local affairs by special interest groups who claim to be stakeholders, such as the National Park Service, animal rights activists and environmental groups who do not have the historical perspective or deeply felt stewardship responsibility of owners who have worked the land over several generations.

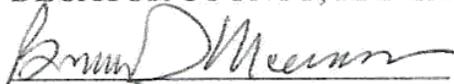
Whereas, the establishment a National Heritage Area in order to leverage federal and local matching funds based upon private property, without owner knowledge or consent, illustrates a violation of private property rights; The United States can no longer afford to borrow money to engage in endless expansion of dependency and regulation by the federal government with sunset provisions for NHAs that were never enforced, resulting in chronic dependency rather than free market activity.

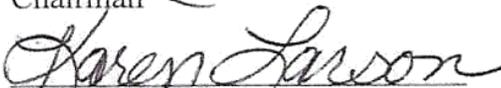
Whereas, A fundamental interdependence exists between individual liberty and the ability to own property, the citizens of this county are very concerned that a National Heritage Area designation would deprive landowners of their ability to use and enjoy their property as they see fit;

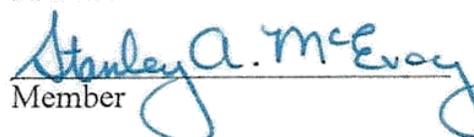
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Commissioners of Decatur County, Kansas_ opposes the National Heritage Area designation of the 49-county region aforementioned, and likewise opposes the inclusion of this county within the 49-county designation map and does not wish to confer upon an unelected regional management entity the ability to establish or influence land use policy within the boundaries of this county.

Passed by the Board of Commissioners of Decatur County, Kansas on this 6 day of April, 2021.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DECATUR COUNTY, KANSAS


Chairman


Member


Member

Attest:


County Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-12

RESOLUTION OPPOSING 49-COUNTY NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA DESIGNATION

WHEREAS, Kansas Nebraska Heritage Area Partnership is pursuing a National Heritage Area designation encompassing 49 counties, (26 in Kansas, 23 in Nebraska, equaling 35,792 square miles) with a total population of 650, 000;

WHEREAS, Congress has designated National Heritage Areas which encompass vast amounts of privately held land in order to highlight areas of specific interest. Citizens of this county appreciate efforts to encourage economic development, but oppose blanket designations that put dissenting private landowners in the unreasonable position of having to “opt out” of federally mandated boundaries;

WHEREAS, the establishment of a 49-county National Heritage Area would adversely influence local officials to pass zoning laws not otherwise needed in order to accommodate a National Heritage Area Management Plan developed by the National Park Service and approved by the Secretary of the Interior, thereby altering well-established processes for land use regulation;

WHEREAS, a National Heritage Area designation invites interference in local affairs by special interest groups who claim to be stakeholders, such as the National Park Service, animal rights activists and environmental groups who do not have the historical perspective or deeply felt stewardship responsibility of owners who have worked the land over several generations.

WHEREAS, the establishment of a National Heritage Area in order to leverage federal and local matching funds based upon private property, without owner knowledge or consent, illustrates a violation of private property rights; The United States can no longer afford to borrow money to engage in endless expansion of dependency and regulation by the Federal Government with sunset provisions for National Heritage Areas that were never enforced, resulting in chronic dependency rather than free market activity.

WHEREAS, a fundamental interdependence exists between individual liberty and the ability to own property, the citizens of Ottawa County, Kansas are very concerned that a National Heritage Area designation would deprive landowners of their ability to use and enjoy their property as they see fit;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; That Ottawa County, Kansas opposes the National Heritage Area designation of the 49-county region aforementioned, and likewise opposes the inclusion of this county within the 49-county designation map and does not wish to confer upon an unelected regional management entity the ability to establish, direct, or influence local land use policy within the boundaries of Ottawa County, Kansas.

This document shall be filed with Ottawa County Clerk.

ADOPTED this 14th day of April 2021.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF OTTAWA COUNTY, KANSAS

Dawn D. Wolf
Dawn Wolf, Chairman

D.D. Malmberg
D.D. Malmberg, Member

Sept. Mortimer
Sept. Mortimer, Member

ATTEST:

Mary Argabright
Mary Argabright, County Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 605

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING PROPOSED
KANSAS NEBRASKA HERITAGE AREA PARTNERSHIP

WHEREAS; A non-elected self-appointed board, is proposing to declare all of Phillips County as part of 49 counties(26 in Kansas, 23 in Nebraska) as a National Heritage Area for national designation. The designated area would be called "Kansas Nebraska Heritage Area Partnership" and be established without consent or agreement by local landowners or local government.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; the majority of the Phillips County Commissioners oppose the Kansas Nebraska Heritage Partnership designation as proposed and do not wish to have Phillips County included in the proposed National Heritage Area Partnership.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE Board of County Commissioners of Phillips County, Kansas this 19 day of April, 2021.

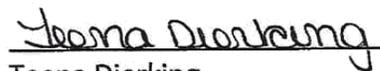
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
of Phillips County, Kansas


MAX L. DIBBLE, CHAIRMAN


LARRY MEILI, COMMISSIONER


JEROD ROTH, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:


Teena Dierking,
Phillips County Clerk



RESOLUTION NO. 21- 4

RESOLUTION OPPOSING PROPOSED KANSAS NEBRASKA NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

WHEREAS; The establishment of a National Heritage Area would adversely affect private property right by influencing local officials to pass zoning laws not otherwise needed and by altering well established processes for land use regulation.

AND WHEREAS; Congress has designated National Heritage Areas which encompass vast amounts of privately held land in order to highlight specific areas of interest. Citizens of Russell County appreciate efforts to encourage economic development, but oppose blanket designations that put dissenting private landowners in the unreasonable position of having to "opt out" of federally mandated boundaries.

AND WHEREAS; A National Heritage Area designation incites interference in local affairs by special interest groups who claim to be stakeholders, such as the National Park Service, the Nature Conservancy, animal rights activists and environmental groups who do not have the historical perspective or deeply felt stewardship responsibility of owners who have worked the land over several generations.

AND WHEREAS; The United States of America can no longer afford to borrow money to engage in endless expansion of dependency and regulation by the federal government. Each of the 49 National Heritage Areas in existence today started out with sunset dates that were never enforced, resulting in chronic dependence rather than free market activity.

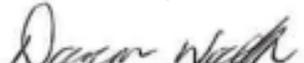
AND WHEREAS; A fundamental interdependence exists between individual liberty and the ability to own property, and the citizens of Russell County are very concerned that a National Heritage Area Designation would deprive landowners of their ability to use and enjoy their property as they see fit.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Russell County Board of County Commissioners opposes the Kansas Nebraska National Heritage Area Designation proposed for Kansas and Nebraska, a/k/a The O'Pioneers NHA and does not wish to confer upon an unelected regional management entity, the ability to establish land use policy within the boundaries of Russell County.

Adopted this 19th day of April, 2021.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
RUSSELL COUNTY, KANSAS


Steve Reinhardt, Chairman


Daron Woelk, Member


Duke Strobel, Member



ATTEST:

Mary K. Nuss, County Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 21-29
A RESOLUTION OPPOSING 49-COUNTY
NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS, as follows:

WHEREAS Kansas Nebraska Heritage Area Partnership is pursuing a National Heritage Area designation encompassing 49 counties (26 in Kansas, 23 in Nebraska, equaling 35,792 square miles) with a total population of 650,000.

WHEREAS Congress has designated National Heritage Areas which encompass vast amounts of privately held land to highlight areas of specific interest. Citizens of this county appreciate efforts to encourage economic development but oppose blanket designations that put dissenting private landowners in the unreasonable position of having to "opt out" of federally mandated boundaries.

WHEREAS the establishment of a 49-county National Heritage Area would adversely influence local officials to pass zoning laws not otherwise needed to accommodate a National Heritage Area Management Plan developed by the National Park Service and approved by the Secretary of the Interior, thereby altering well-established processes for land use regulation.

WHEREAS a National Heritage Area designation invites interference in local affairs by special interest groups who claim to be stakeholders, such as the National Park Service, animal rights activists and environmental groups who do not have the historical perspective or deeply felt stewardship responsibility of owners who have worked the land over several generations.

WHEREAS the establishment of a National Heritage Area to leverage federal and local matching funds based upon private property, without owner knowledge or consent, illustrates a violation of private property rights; the United States can no longer afford to borrow money to engage in endless expansion of dependency and regulation by the federal government with sunset provision for NHAs that were never enforced, resulting in chronic dependency rather than free market activity.

WHEREAS a fundamental interdependence exists between individual liberty and the ability to own property, the citizens of this county are very concerned that a National Heritage Area designation would deprive landowners of their ability to use and enjoy their property as they see fit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of County Commissioners of Sheridan County, Kansas, oppose the National Heritage Area designation of the 49-county regional and likewise oppose the inclusion of this county within the 49-county designation map and do not wish to confer upon an unelected regional management

entity the ability to establish or influence land use policy within the boundaries of this county.

Approved and adopted this 20th day of April 2021.

Board of Commissioners
Sheridan County, Kansas

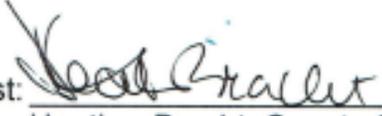


Wesley Bainter, Chairman

Joe Bainter, Commissioner



Mike "Buck" Mader, Commissioner

Attest: 

Heather Bracht, County Clerk



RESOLUTION NO. 2021-29

RESOLUTION OPPOSING 49-COUNTY NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

Whereas, Kansas Nebraska Heritage Area Partnership is pursuing a National Heritage Area designation encompassing 49 counties, (26 in Kansas, 23 in Nebraska, equaling 35,792 square miles) with a total population of 650,000;

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Whereas, the establishment of a 49-county National Heritage Area would adversely influence local officials to pass zoning laws not otherwise needed in order to accommodate a National Heritage Area Management Plan developed by the National Park Service and approved by the Secretary of the Interior, thereby altering well-established processes for land use regulation;

Whereas, A National Heritage Area designation invites interference in local affairs by special interest groups who claim to be stakeholders, such as the National Park Service, animal rights activists and environmental groups who do not have the historical perspective or deeply felt stewardship responsibility of owners who have worked the land over several generations.

Whereas, the establishment a National Heritage Area in order to leverage federal and local matching funds based upon private property, without owner knowledge or consent, illustrates a violation of private property rights; The United States can no longer afford to borrow money to engage in endless expansion of dependency and regulation by the federal government with sunset provisions for NHAs that were never enforced, resulting in chronic dependency rather than free market activity.

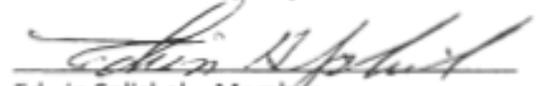
Whereas, A fundamental interdependence exists between individual liberty and the ability to own property, the citizens of this county are very concerned that a National Heritage Area designation would deprive landowners of their ability to use and enjoy their property as they see fit;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That Republic County opposes the National Heritage Area designation of the 49-county region aforementioned, and likewise opposes the inclusion of this county within the 49-county designation map and will not confer upon an unelected regional management entity the ability to establish or influence land use policy within the boundaries of this county. Signed this 26 day of April, 2021.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF REPUBLIC COUNTY, KANSAS



Melvin Jeardoe – Chairperson



Edwin Splichal – Member



Doug Garman – Member

ATTEST:



Kathleen L. Marsicek
Republic County Clerk



RESOLUTION #21-11

RESOLUTION OPPOSING 49-COUNTY NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

Whereas, Kansas Nebraska Heritage Area Partnership in pursuing a National Heritage Area designation encompassing 49 counties, (26 in Kansas, 23 in Nebraska, equaling 35, 792 square miles) with a total population of 650,000;

Whereas, Congress has designated National Heritage Areas which encompass vast amounts of privately held land in order to highlight areas of specific interest. Citizens of this county appreciate efforts to encourage economic development, but oppose blanket designations that put dissenting private landowners in the unreasonable position of having to "opt out" of federally mandated boundaries;

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Whereas, A fundamental interdependence exists between individual liberty and the ability to own property, the citizens of the county are very concerned that a National Heritage Area designation would deprive landowners of their ability to use and enjoy their property as they see fit;

NOW THERE FOR BE IT RESOLVED: That Smith County opposes the National Heritage Area designation of the 49-county region aforementioned, and likewise opposes the inclusion of this county within the 49-county designation map and does not wish to confer upon an unelected regional management entity the ability to establish or influence land use policy within the boundaries of the county.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SMITH COUNTY, KANSAS

Roger Allen, Chairman

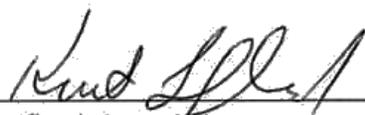


Dale E. Pickel, Commissioner

Attest:



Ashley Maxwell, County Clerk



Kurt Ifland, Commissioner

RESOLUTION NO. 21-11

RESOLUTION OPPOSING 49-COUNTY NATIONAL HERITAGE
AREA IN TREGO COUNTY, KANSAS

Whereas; The establishment of a National Heritage Area would adversely affect private property rights by influencing local officials to pass zoning laws not otherwise needed and by altering well established processes for land use regulation.

Whereas, Congress has designated National Heritage Areas which encompass vast amounts of privately held land in order to highlight areas of specific interest. Citizens of Trego County appreciate efforts to encourage economic development, but oppose blanket designations that put dissenting private landowners in the unreasonable position of having to "opt out" of federally mandated boundaries.

Whereas, A National Heritage Area designation invites interference in local affairs by special interest groups who claim to be stakeholders, such as the National Park Service, Nature's Conservancy, animal rights activists and environmental groups who do not have the historical perspective or deeply felt stewardship responsibility of owners who have worked the land over several generations.

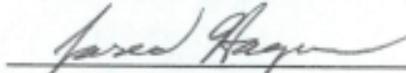
Whereas; The United States can no longer afford to borrow money to engage in endless expansion of dependency and regulation by the federal government and each of the 49 National Heritage Areas in existence today started out with sunset dates that were never enforced, resulting in chronic dependency rather than free market activity.

Whereas, A fundamental interdependence exists between individual liberty and the ability to own property, the citizens Trego County are very concerned that a National Heritage Area designation would deprive landowners of their ability to use and enjoy their property as they see fit;

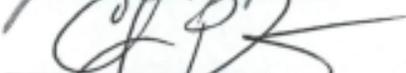
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: the Trego County Board of Commissioners opposes the National Heritage Area designation proposed for Nebraska and Kansas and does not wish to confer upon an unelected regional management entity, the ability to establish land use policy within the boundaries of Trego County, Kansas.

Adopted this 30th day of April, 2021.

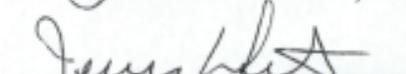
Trego County, Kansas



Jared Hager, Chairman

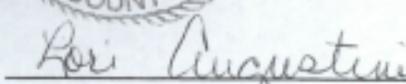


Calvin J Pfannenstiel Jr, Member



Jerry White, Member



Affest:


Lori Augustine
Trego County Clerk

Resolution No: R-2021-09

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF
ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS, Kansas Nebraska Heritage Area Partnership is pursuing a National Heritage Area designation encompassing 49 counties, (26 in Kansas, 23 in Nebraska, equaling 35,792 square miles) with a total population of 650,000;

WHEREAS, Congress has designated National Heritage Areas which encompass vast amounts of privately held land in order to highlight areas of specific interest. Citizens of this county appreciate efforts to encourage economic development, but oppose blanket designations that put dissenting private landowners in the unreasonable position of having to “opt out” of federally mandated boundaries;

WHEREAS, the establishment of a 49-county National Heritage Area would adversely influence local officials to pass zoning laws not otherwise needed in order to accommodate a National Heritage Area Management Plan developed by the National Park Service and approved by the Secretary of the Interior, thereby altering well-established processes for land use regulation;

WHEREAS, a National Heritage Area designation invites interference in local affairs by special interest groups who claim to be stakeholders, such as the National Park Service, animal rights activists and environmental groups who do not have the historical perspective or deeply felt stewardship responsibility of owners who have worked the land over several generations;

WHEREAS, the establishment of a National Heritage Area in order to leverage federal and local matching funds based upon private property, without owner knowledge or consent, illustrates a violation of private property rights; The United States can no longer afford to borrow money to engage in endless expansion of dependency and regulation by the federal government with sunset provisions for NHAs that were never enforced, resulting in chronic dependency rather than free market activity;

WHEREAS, a fundamental interdependence exists between individual liberty and the ability to own property, the citizens of this county are very concerned that a National Heritage Area designation would deprive landowners of their ability to use and enjoy their property as they see fit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ELLIS COUNTY, KANSAS, opposes the National Heritage designation of the 49-county region aforementioned, and likewise opposes the inclusion of this county within the 49-county designation map and does not wish to confer upon an unelected regional management entity the ability to establish or influence land use policy within the boundaries of this county.

ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Ellis County, Kansas, this 3rd day of May, 2021



Attest:

Bobbi L. Dreiling
Bobbi L. Dreiling, County Clerk

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
ELLIS COUNTY, KANSAS

Robert (Butch) Schlyer
Robert (Butch) Schlyer, Chair

Dean F. Haselhorst
Dean F. Haselhorst

Neal Younger
Neal Younger

RESOLUTION NO. 2021R04

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING PROPOSED
KANSAS NEBRASKA HERITAGE AREA PARTNERSHIP**

WHEREAS, a non-elected self-appointed board is proposing to declare all of Ellsworth County, Kansas as part of 49 counties (26 in Kansas, 23 in Nebraska) for national designation as a National Heritage Area. The designated area would be called "Kansas Nebraska Heritage Area Partnership" and could be established without consent or agreement by local landowners and/or local government. 5-

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; the majority of the Ellsworth County, Kansas Commissioners oppose the Kansas Nebraska Heritage Partnership designation as proposed and do not wish to have Ellsworth County, Kansas included in the proposed National Heritage Area Partnership.

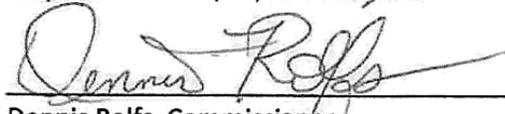
PASS AND ADOPTED BY the Board of County Commissioners of Ellsworth County, Kansas this 3 day of May, 2021.

BE IT SO RESOLVED.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ELLSWORTH COUNTY, KANSAS**

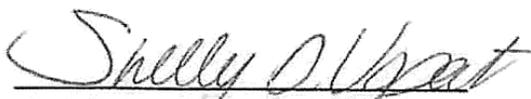


Stephen S. Dlabal, Jr., Commissioner



Dennis Rolfs, Commissioner

Gregory Bender, Commissioner



Shelly D. Vopat, County Clerk



RESOLUTION #2021-06
RESOLUTION OPPOSING GRAHAM COUNTY'S INCLUSION
IN NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

WHEREAS, Kansas Nebraska Heritage Area Partnership is studying a National Heritage Area designation encompassing 49 counties;

WHEREAS, Congress has designated National Heritage Areas which encompass privately held land to highlight areas of specific interest. Citizens of Graham County appreciate efforts to encourage economic development but oppose blanket designations that put dissenting private landowners in the position of having to "opt out" of federally mandated boundaries;

WHEREAS, a National Heritage Area designation invites interference in local affairs by special interest groups who claim to be stakeholders, such as the National Park Service, animal rights activists and environmental groups who do not have the historical perspective or deeply felt stewardship responsibility of owners who have worked the land over several generations.

WHEREAS, the establishment of a National Heritage Area in order to leverage federal and local matching funds based upon private property, without owner knowledge or consent, may be a violation of private property rights;

WHEREAS, a fundamental interdependence exists between individual liberty and the ability to own property, the citizens of this County are very concerned that a National Heritage Area designation would deprive landowners of their ability to use and enjoy their property as they see fit;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we oppose the inclusion of this County within the 49-County National Heritage Area aforementioned and do not wish to confer upon an unelected regional management entity the ability to establish or influence land use policy within the boundaries of this County.

This Resolution was approved and adopted this 4th day of May, 2021.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF GRAHAM COUNTY, KANSAS

Mark Fabricius
Mark Fabricius, Commissioner

Jason Nelson
Jason Nelson, Commissioner

Troy Tremblay
Troy Tremblay, Commissioner

SEAL OF THE COUNTY OF GRAHAM
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK
Jana Irby
Jana Irby, County Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 2021 - 11

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING PROPOSED
KANSAS NEBRASKA HERITAGE AREA PARTNERSHIP**

WHEREAS, a non-elected self-appointed board is proposing to declare all of Lincoln County, Kansas as part of 49 counties (26 in Kansas, 23 in Nebraska) for national designation as a National Heritage Area. The designated area would be called "Kansas Nebraska Heritage Area Partnership" and could be established without consent or agreement by local landowners and/or local government,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; the majority of the Lincoln County, Kansas Commissioners oppose the Kansas Nebraska Heritage Partnership designation as proposed and do not wish to have Lincoln County, Kansas included in the proposed National Heritage Area Partnership.

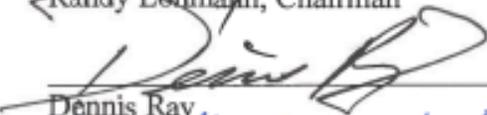
PASS AND ADOPTED BY the Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County, Kansas this 10th day of May, 2021.

BE IT SO RESOLVED.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LINCOLN COUNTY, KANSAS



Randy Lehmann, Chairman

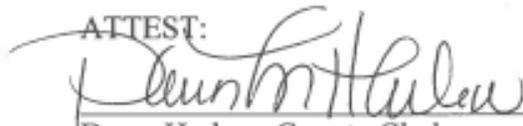


Dennis Ray



Darrell Oetting

ATTEST:



Dawn Harlow, County Clerk



RESOLUTION OPPOSING 49-COUNTY NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

WHEREAS, the Kansas Nebraska Heritage Area Partnership is pursuing a National Heritage Area designation, encompassing 49 counties. (26 in Kansas, 23 in Nebraska, equaling 35,792 square miles) with a total population of 650,000;

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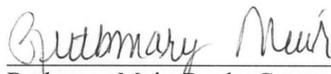
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That Rooks County hereby opposes the National Heritage Area designation of the 49-county region aforementioned; and likewise opposes the inclusion of Rooks County, Kansas within the 49-county designation map and will not confer upon an unelected regional management entity the ability to establish or influence land use policy within the boundaries of this county.

Signed this 11th day of May, 2021, by the Board of Rooks County Commissioners, Rooks County, Kansas.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ROOKS COUNTY, KANSAS

ATTEST:


John Ruder


Ruthmary Muir, Rooks County Clerk




Greg Balthazor


Tim Berland

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-02
RESOLUTION OPPOSING PROPOSED KANSAS NEBRASKA AREA HERITAGE AREA

WHEREAS; The establishment of the National Heritage Area would adversely affect Private property rights by influencing local officials to pass zoning laws not otherwise needed and by altering well established processes for land use regulation.

AND WHEREAS; Congress has designated National Heritage Areas which encompass vast amounts of privately held land in order to highlight specific areas of interest. Citizens of Osborne County appreciate efforts to encourage economic development, but oppose blanket designations that put dissenting private Landowners in the unreasonable position of having to "opt out" of federally mandated boundaries.

AND WHEREAS; A National Heritage Area Designated Nations incites interference in local affairs by special interest groups who claim to be stake holders, such as the National Park Service, the Nature Conservancy, animal rights Activists and environmental groups who do not have the historical perspective or deeply felt stewardship responsibility of owners who have worked the land over several generations.

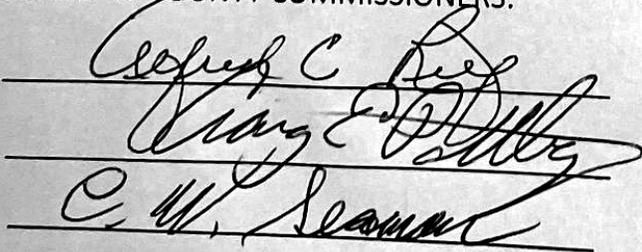
AND WHEREAS; The United States of America can no longer afford to borrow money to engage in endless expansion of dependency regulation by the federal government. Each of the 49 national Heritage areas in existence today started out with sunset dates that were never enforced, resulting in chronic dependence rather than free market activity.

AND WHEREAS; A fundamental interdependence exists between individual liberty and the ability to own property, and the citizens of Osborne County are very concerned that a National Heritage Area Designation would deprive landowners of their ability to use and enjoy their property as they see fit.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Osborne County Board of Commissioners opposes the Kansas Nebraska National Heritage Area Designation proposed for Kanas and Nebraska, a/k/a The O'Pioneers NHA and does not wish to confer upon an unelected regional management entity, the ability to establish land use policy within the boundaries of Osborne County.

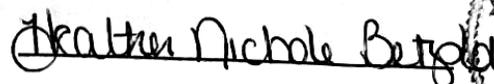
Adopted this 14th day of May, 2021.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:



ATTESTED BY:

County Clerk





RESOLUTION 2021-13: OPPOSING 49-COUNTY NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

WHEREAS, Kansas Nebraska Heritage Area Partnership is pursuing a National Heritage Area designation encompassing 49 counties, (26 in Kansas, 23 in Nebraska, equaling 35,792 square miles) with a total population of 650,000;

WHEREAS, Congress has designated National Heritage Areas which encompass vast amounts of privately held land in order to highlight areas of specific interest. Citizens of this county appreciate efforts to encourage economic development, but oppose blanket designations that put dissenting private landowners in the unreasonable position of having to "opt out" of federally mandated boundaries;

WHEREAS, the establishment of a 49-county National Heritage Area would adversely influence local officials to pass zoning laws not otherwise needed in order to accommodate a National Heritage Area Management Plan developed by the National Park Service and approved by the Secretary of the Interior, thereby altering well-established processes for land use regulation;

WHEREAS, A National Heritage Area designation invites interference in local affairs by special interest groups who claim to be stakeholders, such as the National Park Service, animal rights activists and environmental groups who do not have the historical perspective or deeply felt stewardship responsibility of owners who have worked the land over several generations.

WHEREAS, the establishment a National Heritage Area in order to leverage federal and local matching funds based upon private property, without owner knowledge or consent, illustrates a violation of private property rights;

WHEREAS, A fundamental interdependence exists between individual liberty and the ability to own property, the citizens of this county are very concerned that a National Heritage Area designation would deprive landowners of their ability to use and enjoy their property as they see fit;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That Cloud County opposes the National Heritage Area designation of the 49-county region aforementioned, and likewise opposes the inclusion of this county within the 49-county designation map and does not wish to confer upon an unelected regional management entity

ADOPTED this 17th day of May, 2021.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS**



ATTEST:

Sheva Norman
County Clerk

Gary Casper
Chairman

Arndt
Member

Jon Copple
Member

Resolution 2021-07
A Resolution opposing a National Heritage Area in Norton County,

Whereas, Kansas Nebraska Heritage Area Partnership is pursuing a National Heritage Area designation encompassing 49 Counties, (26 in Kansas, 23 in Nebraska, equaling 35,792 square miles) with a total population of 650,000;

Whereas, Congress has designated National Heritage Areas which encompass vast amounts of privately held land in order to highlight areas of specific interest. Citizens of this county appreciate efforts to encourage economic development, but oppose blanket designations that put dissenting private landowners in the unreasonable position of having to "opt out" of federally mandated boundaries;

Whereas, the establishment of 49-county National Heritage Area would adversely influence local officials to pass zoning laws not otherwise needed in order to accommodate a National Heritage Area Management Plan by the National Park Service and approved by the Secretary of the Interior, thereby altering well-established processes for land use regulation;

Whereas, A National Heritage Area designation invites interference in local affairs by special interest groups who claim to be stakeholders, such as the National Park Service, animal rights activists and environmental groups who do not have the historical perspective or deeply felt stewardship responsibility of owners who have worked the land over several generations.

Whereas, the establishment of a National Heritage Area in order to leverage federal and local matching funds based upon private property, without owner knowledge or consent, illustrates a violation of private property rights. The United States can no longer afford to borrow money to engage in endless expansion of dependency and regulation by the federal government with sunset provisions for NHAs that were never enforced, resulting in chronic dependency rather than free market activity.

Whereas, A fundamental interdependence exist between individual liberty, and the ability to own property, the citizens of this county are very concerned that a National Heritage Area designation would deprive landowners of their ability to use and enjoy their property as they see fit;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Commissioners of Norton County, Kansas opposes the National Heritage Area designation of the 49-county region aforementioned, and likewise opposes the inclusion of this county within the 49-county designation map and does not wish to confer upon an unelected regional management entity the ability to establish or influence land use policy within the boundaries of this county.

Passed by the Board of Commissioners of Norton County, Kansas this 17th, day of May, 2021.

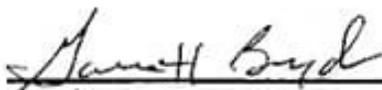
Resolution 2021-07 continued

Board of Commissioners

Norton County, Kansas



Chairman

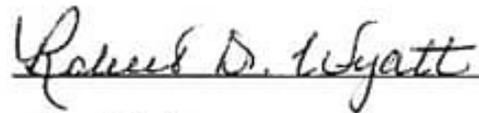


Member



Member

Attest:



County Clerk



RESOLUTION NO. 2021-35

RESOLUTION OPPOSING A KANSAS-NEBRASKA NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

WHEREAS, the Kansas Nebraska Heritage Area Partnership is pursuing a National Heritage Area designation for an area in Kansas and Nebraska, which proposed area would include Pottawatomie County, Kansas, and

WHEREAS, a National Heritage Area designation has the potential to interfere with local governance and local affairs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Pottawatomie County, Kansas, does hereby oppose the establishment or designation of a Kansas Nebraska National Heritage Area, and does further oppose the inclusion of Pottawatomie County, Kansas, in any Kansas Nebraska National Heritage Area.

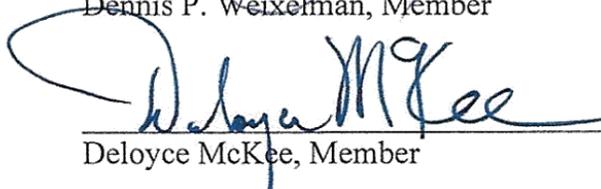
Dated this 24th day of May, 2021.



Greg Riat, Chairman



Dennis P. Weixelman, Member



Deloyce McKee, Member



Attest:



County Clerk

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF DICKINSON COUNTY, KANSAS**

RESOLUTION # 05 27 21A

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE INCLUSION OF DICKINSON COUNTY WITHIN THE
NATIONAL HERITAGE AREAS DESIGNATED REGION.

WHEREAS, the Kansas Nebraska Heritage Area Partnership is pursuing National Heritage Area designation, encompassing 49 counties. (26 in Kansas, 23 in Nebraska, equaling 35,792 square miles) with a total area population of 650,000;

WHEREAS, Congress has designated the National Heritage Areas which encompass vast amounts of privately held land in order to highlight areas of specific interest. Citizens of this county appreciate efforts to encourage economic development, but oppose blanket designations that put dissenting private landowners in the unreasonable position of having to "opt out" of federally mandated boundaries;

WHEREAS, the establishment of the 49-county National Heritage Area would adversely influence local officials to pass zoning laws not otherwise needed in order to accommodate a National Area Heritage Area Management Plan developed by the National Park Service and approved by the Secretary of the Interior, thereby altering well-established processes for land use regulation;

WHEREAS, a National Heritage Area designation invites interference in local affairs by special interest groups who claim to be stakeholders, such as the National Park Service, animal rights activists and environmental groups who do not have the historical perspective, deeply felt stewardship and responsibility of owners who have worked the land over several generations;

WHEREAS, the establishment of a National Heritage Area in order to leverage federal and local matching funds based upon private property, without owner knowledge or consent, illustrates a violation of private property rights; the United States can no longer afford to borrow money to engage in endless expansion of dependency and regulation by the federal government with sunset provisions for NHAs that were never enforced, resulting in chronic dependency rather than free market activity;

WHEREAS, A fundamental interdependence exists between individual liberty and the ability to own property, the citizens of this county are very concerned that at National Heritage Area designation would deprive landowners of the ability to use and enjoy their property as they see fit;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Dickinson County Commissioners hereby opposes the National Heritage Area designation of the 49-county region aforementioned, and likewise opposes the inclusion of Dickinson County, Kansas

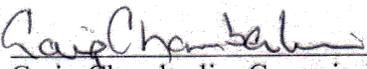
within the 49-county designation map and will not confer upon an unelected regional management entity the ability to establish or influence land use policy within the boundaries of this county.

Passed this 27th, day of ~~June~~, 2021.
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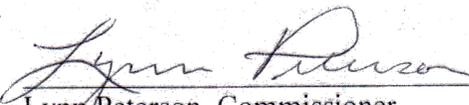
DICKINSON COUNTY, KANSAS, COMMISSIONERS:



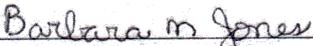
Ron Roller, Commissioner



Craig Chamberlin, Commissioner



Lynn Peterson, Commissioner

ATTEST: 

Barbara M. Jones, County Clerk

RESOLUTION 21-09

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING PROPOSED
KANSAS NEBRASKA HERITAGE AREA PARTNERSHIP

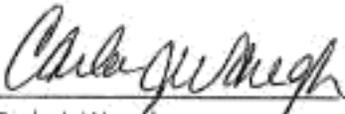
WHEREAS; A non-elected self-appointed board, is proposing to declare all of Jewell County as part of 49 counties (26 in Kansas, 23 in Nebraska) as a National Heritage Area for national designation. The designated area would be called "Kansas Nebraska Heritage Area Partnership" and be established without consent or agreement by local landowners or local government.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; the majority of the Jewell County Commissioners oppose the Kansas Nebraska Heritage Partnership designation as proposed and do not wish to have Jewell County included in the proposed National Heritage Area Partnership.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE Board of County Commissioners of Jewell County, Kansas this 1st day of June, 2021.

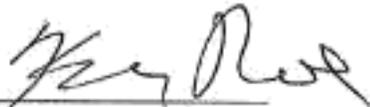
ATTEST:





Carla J. Waugh
Jewell County Clerk

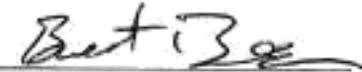
JEWELL COUNTY BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Keith Roe, Chairman



Steve Greene



Brent Beck

RESOLUTION 21-06

**MITCHELL COUNTY, KANSAS
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

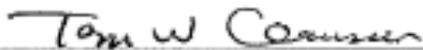
**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PROPOSED KANSAS NEBRASKA
HERITAGE AREA PARTNERSHIP**

WHEREAS, a non-elected self-appointed board is proposing to declare all of Mitchell County, Kansas, as part of forty-nine (49) counties (twenty-six (26) in Kansas and twenty-three (23) in Nebraska) as a National Heritage Area for national designation. The designated area would be called the "Kansas Nebraska Heritage Area Partnership" and be established without consent or agreement by local landowners or local government.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; the Mitchell County Commissioners oppose the National Heritage Area designation and do not wish to have Mitchell County, Kansas, included in the proposed Kansas Nebraska Heritage Area Partnership.

Adopted by the Board of County Commissioners, Mitchell County, Kansas, this 7th day of June, 2021.

MITCHELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Tom Claussen, Chairman

Jim Marshal



Mike Cooper

Attest:



Mitchell County Clerk



RESOLUTION NO. 11-2021

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Kansas deems it necessary to express support of personal property rights.

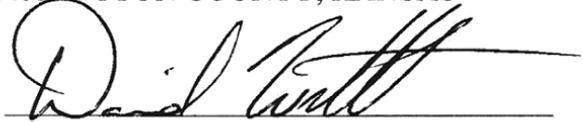
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Kansas, that the County of Washington, Kansas is opposed to any federal, state, or local legislation or initiatives or federal, state, or locally funded programs or partnerships that may affect personal property rights.

This Resolution was approved and adopted this 14th day of June, 2021.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, KANSAS



Raleigh Ordoyne, Chairperson



David Willbrant, Member



Scott Zabokrtsky, Member

Attest:



Diana Svanda, County Clerk

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF CLAY COUNTY, KANSAS**

RESOLUTION 2021- /1

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE INCLUSION OF CLAY COUNTY WITHIN THE
NATIONAL HERITAGE AREAS DESIGNATED REGION.**

WHEREAS, THE Kansas Nebraska Heritage Area Partnership is pursuing National Heritage Area designation, encompassing 49 counties, (26 in Kansas, 23 in Nebraska, equaling 35,792 square miles) with a total area population of 650,000;

WHEREAS, Congress has designated the National Heritage Areas which encompass vast amounts of privately held land in order to highlight areas of specific interest. Citizens of this county appreciate efforts to encourage economic development, but oppose blanket designations that put dissenting private landowners in the unreasonable position of having to "opt out" of federally mandated boundaries;

WHEREAS, the establishment of the 39-county National Heritage Area would adversely influence local officials to pass zoning laws not otherwise needed in order to accommodate a National Area Heritage Area Management Plan developed by the National Park Service and approved by the Secretary of the Interior, thereby altering well-established processes for land use regulation;

WHEREAS, a National Heritage Area designation invites interference in local affairs by special interest groups who claim to be stakeholders, such as the National Park Service, animal rights activists and environmental groups who do not have the historical perspective, deeply felt stewardship and responsibility of owners who have worked the land over several generations;

WHEREAS, the establishment of a National Heritage Area in order to leverage federal and local matching funds based upon private property, without owner knowledge or consent, illustrates a violation of private property rights; the United States can no longer afford to borrow money to engage in endless expansion of dependency and regulation by the federal government with sunset provisions for NHAs that were never enforced, resulting in chronic dependency rather than free market activity;

WHEREAS, a fundamental interdependence exists between individual liberty and the ability to own property, the citizens of this county are very concerned that a National Heritage Area designation would deprive landowners of the ability to use and enjoy their property as they see fit;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of clay county Commissioners hereby opposes the National Heritage Area designation of the 49-county region aforementioned; and likewise opposed the inclusion of Clay County, Kansas with the 39-county designation map and will not confer upon an unelected regional management entity the ability to establish or influence land use policy within the boundaries of this county.

PASSED THIS 21ST DAY OF JUNE, 2021 BY THE CLAY COUNTY, KANSAS COMMISSIONERS:



ATTEST:

Kayla Wang
Kayla Wang, Clay County Clerk

Eric A. Carlson

Eric A. Carlson, Chairman

Jerry F. Mayo

Jerry F. Mayo, Member

David M. Thurlow

David M. Thurlow, Member

RESOLUTION #21-2340

RESOLUTION OPPOSING INCLUSION OF SALINE COUNTY IN
NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

WHEREAS, Congress has designated National Heritage Areas which encompass vast amounts of privately held land in order to highlight areas of specific interest; and

WHEREAS, the Kansas Nebraska Heritage Area Partnership is pursuing National Heritage Area designation for an area which encompasses 49 counties within Kansas and Nebraska, including Saline County; and

WHEREAS, establishment of a National Heritage Area has the potential to influence local officials in their land use decisions to accommodate the needs of the Management Plan for the National Heritage Area; and

WHEREAS, a National Heritage Area designation may invite increased outside influences in local affairs by special interest groups who do not have the historical perspective, stewardship and responsibility of land owners; and

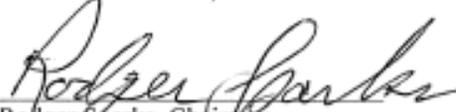
WHEREAS, Saline County is firmly committed to the principle that local affairs should be governed by the interest of the local community rather than arbitrary national considerations,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Saline County, Kansas, as follows:

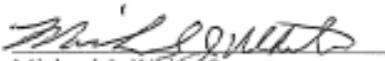
1. That the Board of County Commissioners is opposed to inclusion of Saline County in any National Heritage Area.
2. That staff is hereby directed to send copies of this Resolution to any interested parties.

ADOPTED this 10th day of August, 2021, by the Board of County Commissioners, Saline County, Kansas.

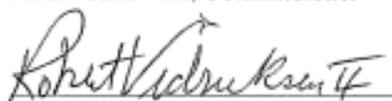
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SALINE COUNTY, KANSAS


Rodger Sparks, Chairman


James L. Weese, Vice-Chairman


Michael J. White, Secretary

Monte Shadwick, Commissioner


Robert Vidricksen II, Commissioner



ATTEST:


Jamie R. Doss, County Clerk

Vote: Yea 5 Nay 0

RESOLUTION NO. 2021 - 872

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE INCLUSION OF COFFEY COUNTY WITHIN THE
FREEDOM'S FRONTIER NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA ACT**

WHEREAS, the Freedom Frontier National Heritage Area Act (FFNHA) encompasses 41 counties along the Kansas/Missouri border. The FFNHA includes Coffey County, Kansas;

WHEREAS, the 41 counties along the Kansas/Missouri border have a compelling and tragic story to tell about these two states engaged in their own "Border War" during the nation's conflict between north and south;

WHEREAS, on October 12, 2006, President George W. Bush signed enabling legislation establishing the FFNHA for the conservation, interpretation, funding, management, and development of the heritage area;

WHEREAS, a National Heritage Area is a nationally distinctive landscape shaped by natural, cultural, historic and recreational resources, recognized by U.S. Congress and tells a nationally important story through its geography, its man-made structures, and the traditions that have evolved within the landscape;

WHEREAS, Congress has designated area within the FFNHA to include privately held land located within the borders of Coffey County, Kansas. Local leaders, officials and citizens of Coffey County appreciate efforts and goal of a designated National Heritage Area program and its potential to sustain and preserve local cultural and historical heritage while at the same time encouraging economic development, but oppose blanket designations that put dissenting private landowners in the unreasonable position of having to "opt out" of federally mandated boundaries;

WHEREAS, there is additional local concern that the FFNHA will adversely influence local officials to pass zoning laws not otherwise needed in order to accommodate a National Area Heritage Area Management Plan developed by the National Park Service and approved by the Secretary of the Interior, thereby altering well-established processes for land use regulation;

WHEREAS, the FFNHA also involves the potential for interference in local affairs by special interest groups who claim to be stakeholders but who do not have the historical perspective, deeply felt stewardship and responsibility of owners who have developed and worked the land located within the borders of Coffey County over several generations;

WHEREAS, local leaders, officials and citizens of Coffey County are concerned that the FFNHA local vision, mission and guiding principles have the potential chilling effect of depriving landowners of the ability to use and enjoy their property as they see fit;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Coffey County Commissioners hereby formally opposes inclusion of Coffey County, Kansas within the FFNHA designated National Heritage Area.

ADOPTED this 28st day of June 2021, by the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COFFEY COUNTY, KANSAS.



ATTESTED:

Angie Kirchner by
Angie Kirchner, County Clerk
Dense Humlick
Deputy Clerk

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF COFFEY COUNTY, KANSAS

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Tom Hugunin, Chairman

Don Meats
Don Meats, Vice Chairman

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Robert Saueressig, Commissioner

Tim Johnson
Tim Johnson, Commissioner

Jesse Knight
Jesse Knight, Commissioner

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-10

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE INCLUSION OF OSAGE COUNTY WITHIN
THE FREEDOM'S FRONTIER NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA ACT**

WHEREAS, the Freedom Frontier National Heritage Area Act (FFNHA) encompasses 41 counties along the Kansas/Missouri border. The FFNHA includes Osage County, Kansas;

WHEREAS, on October 12, 2006, President George W. Bush signed enabling legislation establishing the FFNHA for the conservation, interpretation, funding, management, and development of the heritage area;

WHEREAS, a National Heritage Area is a nationally distinctive landscape shaped by natural, cultural, historic and recreational resources, recognized by U.S. Congress and tells a nationally important story through its geography, its man-made structures, and the traditions that have evolved within the landscape;

WHEREAS, Congress has designated area within the FFNHA to include privately held land located within the borders of Osage County, Kansas. Local leaders, officials and citizens of Osage County appreciate the efforts and goal of a designated National Heritage Area program and its potential to sustain and preserve local, cultural and historical heritage while at the same time encouraging economic development, but oppose blanket designations that put dissenting private landowners in the unreasonable position of having to "opt out" of federally mandated boundaries;

WHEREAS, there is additional local concern that the FFNHA will adversely influence local officials to pass zoning laws not otherwise needed in order to

accommodate a National Area Heritage Management Plan developed by the National Park Service and approved by the Secretary of the Interior, thereby altering well-established processes for land use regulation;

WHEREAS, the FFNHA also involves the potential for interference in local affairs by special interest groups who claim to be stakeholders but who do not have the historical perspective, deeply felt stewardship and responsibility of owners who have developed and worked the land located within the borders of Osage County over several generations;

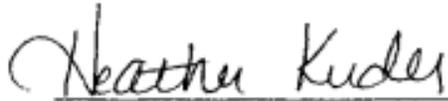
WHEREAS, local leaders, officials and citizens of Osage County are concerned that the FFNHA local vision, mission and guiding principles have the potential chilling effect of depriving landowners of the ability to use and enjoy their property as they see fit;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Osage County Commissioners hereby formally opposes inclusion of Osage County, Kansas within the FFNHA designated National Heritage Area and likewise opposes the inclusion of this county within the 41-county designation map and does not wish to confer upon an unelected regional management entity the ability to establish or influence land use policy within the boundaries of Osage County.

ADOPTED THIS __ day of September 2021, by the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF OSAGE COUNTY, KANSAS.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Vernon A. Bailey, Jr., Chairman

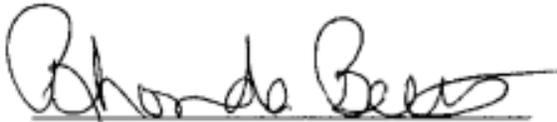


Heather Kuder, Commissioner



Fred L. Diver, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Rhonda Beets
Osage County Clerk

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LINN COUNTY, KANSAS

RESOLUTION NO. 2021- 24

RESOLUTION OPPOSING PROPOSED KANSAS NEBRASKA NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

WHEREAS, Linn County is a legal and political subdivision of the State of Kansas for which the Board of County Commissioners ("Board") is authorized to act; and

WHEREAS; The establishment of a National Heritage Area would adversely affect private property rights by influencing local officials to pass zoning laws not otherwise needed and by altering well established processes for land use regulation.

AND WHEREAS; Congress has designated National Heritage Areas which encompass vast amounts of privately held land in order to highlight specific areas of interest. Citizens of Linn County appreciate efforts to encourage economic development, but oppose blanket designations that put dissenting private landowners in the unreasonable position of having to "opt out" of federally mandated boundaries.

AND WHEREAS; A National Heritage Area designation incites interference in local affairs by special interest groups who claim to be stakeholders, such as the National Park Service, the Nature Conservancy, animal rights activists and environmental groups who do not have the historical perspective or deeply felt stewardship responsibility of owners who have worked the land over several generations.

AND WHEREAS; The United States of America can no longer afford to borrow money to engage in endless expansion of dependency and regulation by the federal government. Each of the 49 National Heritage Areas in existence today started out with sunset dates that were never enforced, resulting in chronic dependence rather than free market activity.

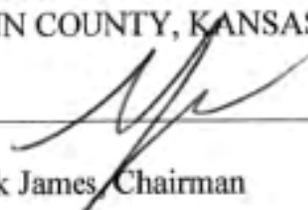
AND WHEREAS; A fundamental interdependence exists between individual liberty and the ability to own property, and the citizens of Linn County are very concerned that a National Heritage Area Designation would deprive landowners of their ability to use and enjoy their property as they see fit.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Linn County Board of County Commissioners opposes the Kansas Nebraska National Heritage Area Designation proposed for Kansas and Nebraska, a/k/a The O'Pioneers NHA and any other National

Heritage Area Designation for the State of Kansas, and does not wish to confer upon an unelected regional management entity, the ability to establish land use policy within the boundaries of Linn County.

Adopted this 7th day of September 2021.

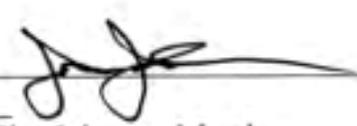
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
LINN COUNTY, KANSAS



Rick James, Chairman



Danny McCullough, Member



Jim Johnson, Member



ATTEST:



DAVID LAMB, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 2021 - 27

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE INCLUSION OF ANDERSON COUNTY WITHIN THE
FREEDOM'S FRONTIER NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA ACT**

WHEREAS, the Freedom Frontier National Heritage Area Act (FFNHA) encompasses 41 counties along the Kansas/Missouri border. The FFNHA includes Anderson County, Kansas;

WHEREAS, the 41 counties along the Kansas/Missouri border have a compelling and tragic story to tell about these two states engaged in their own "Border War" during the nation's conflict between north and south;

WHEREAS, on October 12, 2006, President George W. Bush signed enabling legislation establishing the FFNHA for the conservation, interpretation, funding, management, and development of the heritage area;

WHEREAS, a National Heritage Area is a nationally distinctive landscape shaped by natural, cultural, historic and recreational resources, recognized by U.S. Congress and tells a nationally important story through its geography, its man-made structures, and the traditions that have evolved within the landscape;

WHEREAS, Congress has designated area within the FFNHA to include privately held land located within the borders of Anderson County, Kansas. Local leaders, officials and citizens of Coffey County appreciate efforts and goal of a designated National Heritage Area program and its potential to sustain and preserve local cultural and historical heritage while at the same time encouraging economic development, but oppose blanket designations that put dissenting private landowners in the unreasonable position of having to "opt out" of federally mandated boundaries;

WHEREAS, there is additional local concern that the FFNHA will adversely influence local officials to pass zoning laws not otherwise needed in order to accommodate a National Area Heritage Area Management Plan developed by the National Park Service and approved by the Secretary of the Interior, thereby altering well-established processes for land use regulation;

WHEREAS, the FFNHA also involves the potential for interference in local affairs by special interest groups who claim to be stakeholders but who do not have the historical perspective, deeply felt stewardship and responsibility of owners who have developed and worked the land located within the borders of Anderson County over several generations;

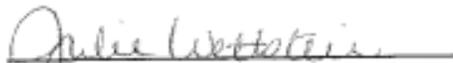
WHEREAS, local leaders, officials and citizens of Anderson County are concerned that the FFNHA local vision, mission and guiding principles have the potential chilling effect of depriving landowners of the ability to use and enjoy their property as they see fit;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Anderson County Commissioners hereby formally opposes inclusion of Anderson County, Kansas within the FFNHA designated National Heritage Area.

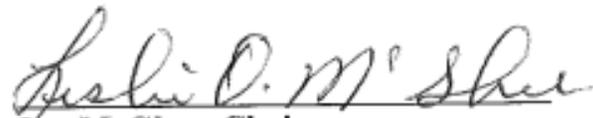
ADOPTED this 11th day of October 2021, by the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ANDERSON COUNTY, KANSAS.

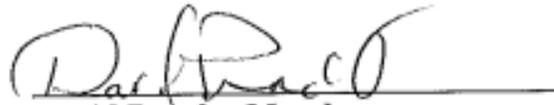
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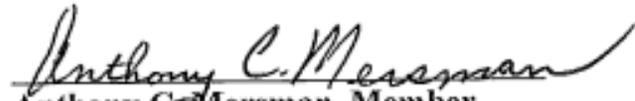
Attest:


Julie Wettstein, County Clerk




Les McGhee, Chairman


David Pracht, Member


Anthony C. Mersman, Member

RESOLUTION NO. 22-04

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE LANDOWNER'S RIGHT TO "OPT OUT" NATIONAL HERITAGE AREAS AND OPPOSING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S "30 X30" LAND PRESERVATION GOAL

WHEREAS, Woodson County is a legal and political subdivision of the State of Kansas for which the Board of County Commissioners ("Board") is authorized to act: and

WHEREAS, Congress has designated National Heritage Areas which encompass vast amount of privately held land in order to highlight specific areas of interest. While the Citizens of Woodson County appreciate efforts to encourage economic development, National Heritage Areas would adversely affect private property rights by influencing local officials to pass zoning laws not otherwise needed and by altering well established processes for land use regulation; and

WHEREAS, Citizens of Woodson County oppose blanket designations that put dissenting private landowners in the unreasonable position of having to "opt out" of federally mandated boundaries and interfere with the deeply felt stewardship responsibility of owners who have worked the land over several generations and deprive landowners of there ability to use and enjoy their property as they see fit; and

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2021, President Joseph R. Biden Jr., 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 percent of the lands and waters in the United States by 2030, which is called the "30 X 30" program; and

WHEREAS, under the "30 X 30" program, some 680 millions acres of our Nation's lands would be set aside and permanently preserved in its natural state, preventing the productive use of these lands and their resources; and

WHEREAS, there is no constitutional or statutory authority for the President, the Department of the Interior, the Department of Agriculture, or any other federal agency to set aside and permanently preserve 30 percent of all land and water in the United States, and no such authority is referenced in Executive order 14008; and

WHEREAS, placing private lands into permanent conservation status will cause dramatic and irreversible harm the economies of the Citizens of Woodson County many of the County's businesses and citizens are involved in or otherwise depend on industries that include livestock grazing, oil and gas exploration and production, farming, recreational industries, hunting and fishing and other outdoor recreation.

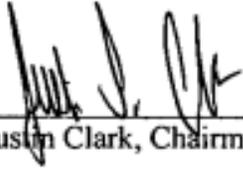
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESLOVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Woodson County, Kansas, as follows:

1. The Board opposes Congressional establishment of a National Heritage Area System, that, along with the establishment of new National Heritage Areas, would include current National Heritage Areas such as Freedom's Frontier, National Heritage Corridor, National Heritage Partnership, etc., for the purpose of creating, reviewing or approving management plans by the Department of the Interior or any other Federal Agency and supports the rights of dissenting private landowners to "opt out" of those Areas
2. The Board opposes Executive Order 14008 and specifically Section 216 of Executive Order 14008 which allows the Secretary of Interior, Secretary of Agriculture and other senior officials, to develop a program to conserve at least 30 percent of the lands and waters in the United States by 2030, called the "30 X 30 program.
3. The Board further opposes the designation of public lands and national forests in Woodson County as wilderness, wilderness study areas, wildlife preserves, open space, or other conservation, thereby restricting public access to such lands and preventing the development and productive use of the resources on or within such lands.
4. The Board recognizes and supports the State of Kansas' water rights system and other state laws and programs governing water rights and water use, and opposes any federal designation of waters and watercourses within the County that would impair or restrict water diversions and uses authorized under Kansas Law.
5. The Board also maintains that any non-federal lands or other rights that are acquired to fulfill the 30 X 30 program's objectives should be acquired only from willing landowners and for the payment of full and fair market value of 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 Woodson County, its businesses, and its citizens.
6. The Board supports the continued private ownership of land in Woodson County, recognizing the Nation's need for domestic sources of minerals, energy, timber, food, fiber etc. and supports the private use of land in support of "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness" in accordance with the principles of the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of Kansas.

This resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage by the Board.

DATED this _____ day of _____, 2022.

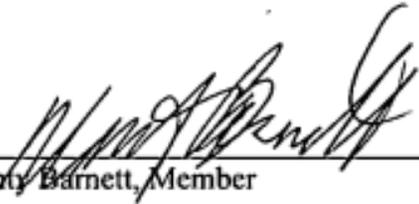
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WOODSON COUNTY, KANSAS



Justin Clark, Chairman

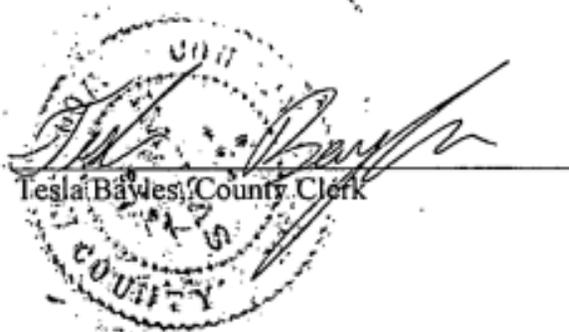


Wayne Faulkner, Vice Chairman



Monty Barnett, Member

ATTEST:



Tesla Bawes, County Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. R-22-G

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE INCLUSION OF NEOSHO COUNTY WITHIN THE FREEDOM'S FRONTIER NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA ACT

WHEREAS, the Freedom Frontier National Heritage Area Act (FFNHA) encompasses 41 counties along the Kansas/Missouri border. The FFNHA includes Neosho County, Kansas;

WHEREAS, the 41 counties along the Kansas/Missouri border have a compelling and tragic story to tell about these two states engaged in their own "Border War" during the nation's conflict between north and south;

WHEREAS, on October 12, 2006, President George W. Bush signed enabling legislation establishing the FFNHA for the conservation, interpretation, funding, management, and development of the heritage area;

WHEREAS, a National Heritage Area is nationally distinctive landscape shaped by natural, cultural, historic and recreational resources, recognized by U.S. Congress and tells a nationally important story through its geography, its man-made structures, and the traditions that have evolved within the landscape;

WHEREAS, Congress has designated area within the FFNHA to include privately held land located within the borders of Neosho County, Kansas. Local leaders, officials and citizens of Neosho County appreciate the efforts and goal of a designated National Heritage Area program and its potential to sustain and preserve local cultural and historical heritage while at the same time encouraging economic development, but oppose blanket designations that put dissenting private landowners in the unreasonable position of having to "opt out" of federally mandated boundaries;

WHEREAS, there is additional local concern that the FFNHA will adversely influence local officials to pass zoning laws not otherwise needed in order to accommodate a National Area Heritage Area Management Plan developed by the National Park Service and approved by the Secretary of the Interior, thereby altering well-established processes for land use regulation;

WHEREAS, the FFNHA also involves the potential for interface in local affairs by special interest groups who claim to be stakeholders but who do not have the historical perspective, deeply felt stewardship and responsibility of owners who have developed and worked the land located within the borders of Neosho County over several generations;

WHEREAS, local leaders, officials and citizens of Neosho County are concerned that the FFNHA local vision, mission and guiding principles have the potential chilling effect of depriving landowners of the ability to use and enjoy their property as they see fit;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Neosho County Commissioners hereby formally opposes inclusion of Neosho County, Kansas within the FFNHA designated National Heritage Area.

Adopted this 19th day of May, 2022, by the Board of County Commissioners
of Neosho County, Kansas

Board of County Commissioners
Of Neosho County, Kansas

Attest

Heather Elsworth

Heather Elsworth, County Clerk

Gail Klaassen
Gail Klaassen, Chairman

Paul Westhoff
Paul Westhoff, Commissioner

Nicholas Galemore
Nicholas Galemore, Commissioner



RESOLUTION NO. 23-29

RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S "30 X 30" LAND PRESERVATION GOAL

WHEREAS, Butler County is a legal and political subdivision of the State of Kansas for which the Board of County Commissioners ("Board") is authorized to act; and

WHEREAS, Butler County contains 925,440 acres of land in the State of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, the wellbeing, health, safety, welfare, economic condition, and culture of Butler County, its businesses, and its citizens depend on private land ownership and the use of these resources; and

WHEREAS, many of Butler County's businesses and its citizens are involved in or otherwise depend on industries that utilize private lands and their resources, including agriculture such as crop production, livestock grazing, oil and gas exploration and production, hunting and other outdoor recreation; and

WHEREAS, these industries are important components of the Kansas's economy, and are major contributors to the economic and social wellbeing of Butler County and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, governments are instituted among people, deriving their powers from the consent of the governed to secure their inherent and inalienable rights, and for the protection of their property; and

WHEREAS, private property rights are guaranteed full protection under the Constitution of Kansas, as well as, the Constitution of the United States, which prohibit the erosion of these rights for a public purpose; and

WHEREAS, the federal government currently owns 1.5% of the land within the County, and the Tulsa Corps of Engineers are responsible for managing approximately 14,000 acres of these federal lands as illustrated in *Exhibit A*, attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, within Butler County, the State of Kansas owns and manages 352.2 acres for a State Fishing lake as illustrated in *Exhibit B*; and

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2021, President Joseph R. Biden, Jr., issued Executive Order 14008, entitled "Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Aboard" (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, Secretary of Commerce, Chairman of the Council of Environmental Quality, and other senior officials, to develop a program to conserve at least thirty (30) percent of the lands and waters in the United States by 2030, which is called the "30 x 30" program; and

WHEREAS, under the 30 x 30 program, an estimated 700 million acres of our Nation's lands would be set aside and permanently preserved in its natural state by 2030, preventing the productive use of these lands and their resources; and

WHEREAS, there is no constitutional or statutory authority for the President, the Department of the Interior, the Department of Agriculture, or any other federal agency to set aside and permanently preserve 30 percent of all land and water in the United States, and no such authority is referenced in Executive Order 14008; and

WHEREAS, the goal of conserving at least 30 percent of the land and water in the United States is a public purpose, not voted on or consented to by the people, Congress, or the [State] Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the 30 x 30 program seeks to replace the decision-making of independent Landowners who have been caring for these lands for generations without federal mandates and restrictions; and

WHEREAS, the Biden Administration has stated they will be using all the tools in existing law to reach their 30 percent target by 2030, including conservation easements in perpetuity, federal conservation programs, National Heritage Areas, Wildlife Corridors, Endangered Species listings and critical habitat designations, and all other similar programs; and

WHEREAS, placing private lands into permanent conservation status will cause dramatic and irreversible harm to the economy of [State], and counties, such as [Name] whose citizens depend on private lands for their security and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, lands placed under permanent conservation easements reduce the value of that parcel of land while increasing the tax burden on other private landowners and industries to make up the property valuation difference; and

WHEREAS, federal conservation programs artificially drive up the cost of, and directly compete with, the working landowners who depend on the ability to lease or purchase those lands for the production of the food, fiber, energy and minerals our nation requires; and

WHEREAS, the 30 x 30 program, if implemented, will conflict with the plans, policies, and programs of Butler County as expressed in Butler County Comprehensive Plan, adopted June of 2000 which obligates the federal and state government to coordinate its policy development with Butler County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Butler County, Kansas as follows:

1. The Board opposes the 30 x 30 program, including its objective of permanently preserving at least 30 percent of the Nation's lands and waters in its natural state by 2030, or any similar program that will set aside and prevent the productive use of lands within our jurisdiction.

Underlined
by me. A.C.

2. The Board further opposes the designation and use of lands in Butler County to be included as a part of the "30 x 30" program, whether these be through conservation programs, easements, national heritage areas, wildlife preserves, wildlife corridors, open space, or other federal designations preventing the development and productive use of the resources on or within such lands.

3. The Board supports the continued private ownership of land in the County, recognizing the Nation's need for domestic sources of minerals, energy, timber, food, and fiber.

4. The Board recognizes and supports the State of Kansas laws governing water rights and water use and opposes any federal designation of waters and watercourses within the County that would impair or restrict water diversions and uses authorized under Kansas law.

5. The Board opposes and disagrees with using any public purpose, including global climate change, to set aside large tracts of land as preserves or open space to fulfill the 30 x 30 program's objectives.

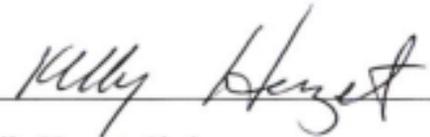
6. The Board also maintains that any lands or other rights that are acquired to fulfill the 30 x 30 program's objectives should be acquired only from willing sellers/landowners and for the payment of full and fair market value for all rights and interests acquired, and not through regulatory compulsion, and only after analyzing and considering the impacts of such land acquisitions on the well-being, health, safety, welfare, economy, and culture of [Name] County, its businesses, and its citizens.

7. The Board requires that any proposed federal land acquisitions within their jurisdiction have the consent of the Board of Commissioners. This includes any transfer of conservation easements from land trusts to the federal government.

8. The Board shall send a copy of this Resolution to the U.S. Departments of Interior and Agriculture, the Kansas Department of Agriculture, Kansas Attorney General, Governor Laura Kelly and all other relevant Federal and State agencies.

DATED this 8th day of August, 2023.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Kelly Herzet, Chairman

ATTEST:



Tatum Stafford, Butler County Clerk



COUNTY CLERK
SEAL
BUTLER COUNTY, KANSAS

Exhibit A

El Dorado State Park and Wildlife Area



Exhibit B

Butler County State Fishing Lake



Resolution No. 907

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING CHISHOLM NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL AND WESTERN NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL DESIGNATION

Whereas, Various Historical Preservation Associations are pursuing a Chisholm National Historic Trail and Western National Historic Trail Designation encompassing 2,728 miles of land in 109 counties, (18 in Oklahoma, 29 in Kansas, 6 in Nebraska, 56 in Texas);

Whereas, Congress has designated National Historic Trails which encompass vast amounts of privately held land in order to highlight areas of specific interest. Citizens of this county appreciate efforts to encourage economic development, but oppose blanket designations that put dissenting private landowners in the unreasonable position of having to "opt out" of federally mandated designations;

Whereas, the establishment of a 109-county National Historic Trail Designation would adversely influence local officials to pass zoning laws not otherwise needed in order to accommodate the surrounding view (referred to as viewshed) of National Historical Trail Designations, thereby altering well-established processes for land use regulation;

Whereas, A National Historic Trail Designation invites interference in local affairs by special interest groups who claim to be stakeholders, such as the National Park Service, animal rights activists and environmental groups who do not have the historical perspective or deeply felt stewardship responsibility of owners who have worked the land over several generations.

Whereas, the establishment a National Historic Trail Designation directs the Secretary of the Interior to identify and inventory sites and segments along the 2,728 miles of private property, without owner knowledge or consent, illustrates a violation of private property rights; The United States can no longer afford to borrow money to engage in endless expansion of dependency and regulation by the federal government, resulting in chronic dependency rather than free market activity.

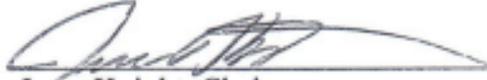
Whereas, A fundamental interdependence exists between individual liberty and the ability to own property, the citizens of this county are very concerned that a National Historic Trail Designation would deprive landowners of their ability to use and enjoy their property as they see fit;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Coffey County Commissioners opposes the Chisholm National Trail and Western National Historic Trail Designation of the 2,728 miles aforementioned, and does not wish to confer upon an unelected management entity the ability to establish, inventory or influence land use policy within the boundaries of this county.

This Resolution shall be effective from and after its passage by the Board of County Commissioners of Coffey County, Kansas.

DATED THIS 26TH OF JUNE, 2023.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,
COFFEY COUNTY, KANSAS



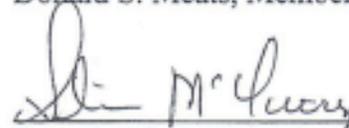
Jesse Knight, Chairman



Tom Hugurin, Vice-Chairman



Donald S. Meats, Member



Steve McCurry, Member



Wayde Thomsen, Member

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Angie Kirchner, County Clerk

Wade H. Bowie, II, County Attorney



RESOLUTION NO. 2023-18

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF DECATUR COUNTY, KANSAS, as follows:

WHEREAS, the United States Government has indicated that they are considering designation of the Chisholm National Historic Trail and the Great Western National Historic Trail; and

WHEREAS, the farmers of Decatur County and around the United States feed the world; and

WHEREAS, the economy of Decatur County is nearly completely and totally tied to the success of production agriculture; and,

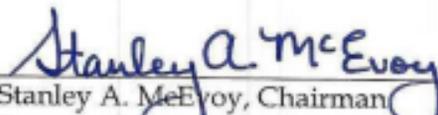
WHEREAS, many of our ancestors came to America because land was not plentiful in their native lands and the Homestead Act allowed them to own land by making improvements; and,

WHEREAS, private land ownership is a very important concept to our society;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Decatur County, Kansas by the authority granted the Board by the laws of the State of Kansas and people of Decatur County, Kansas, we hereby call upon Congress to pass laws that prohibit the designation of the Chisholm National Historic Trail and the Great Western National Historic Trail, and that our elected officials, including the President, educate themselves as to the importance of production agriculture in feeding the world, of the efforts taken by farmers and ranchers to be good stewards of the land, of the fact that private ownership of land ought to be protected and of the devastation to our local economy and tax base if the designations of historic trails occur.

SECTION 6. This resolution shall take effect upon its passage.

Dated this 11th day of July, 2023.


Stanley A. McEvoy, Chairman
Decatur County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:


Nora Urban
Decatur County Clerk


Brad Marcuson, Member
Decatur County Board of Commissioners


Karen Larson, Member
Decatur County Board of Commissioners

**Resolution opposing Chisholm National Historic Trail and
Western National Historic Trail Designation**

Resolution #23-07

Whereas, Various Historical Preservation Associations are pursuing a Chisholm National Historic Trail and Western National Historic Trail Designation encompassing 2,728 miles of land in 109 counties, (18 in Oklahoma, 29 in Kansas, 6 in Nebraska, 56 in Texas);

Whereas, Congress has designated National Historic Trails which encompass vast amounts of privately held land in order to highlight areas of specific interest. Citizens of this county appreciate efforts to encourage economic development, but oppose blanket designations that put dissenting private landowners in the unreasonable position of having to “opt out” of federally mandated designations;

Whereas, the establishment of a 109-county National Historic Trail Designation would adversely influence local officials to pass zoning laws not otherwise needed in order to accommodate the surrounding view (referred to as viewshed) of National Historical Trail Designations, thereby altering well-established processes for land use regulation;

Whereas, A National Historic Trail Designation invites interference in local affairs by special interest groups who claim to be stakeholders, such as the National Park Service, animal rights activists and environmental groups who do not have the historical perspective or deeply felt stewardship responsibility of owners who have worked the land over several generations.

Whereas, the establishment a National Historic Trail Designation directs the Secretary of the Interior to identify and inventory sites and segments along the 2,728 miles of private property, without owner knowledge or consent, illustrates a violation of private property rights; The United States can no longer afford to borrow money to engage in endless expansion of dependency and regulation by the federal government, resulting in chronic dependency rather than free market activity.

Whereas, A fundamental interdependence exists between individual liberty and the ability to own property, the citizens of this county are very concerned that a National Historic Trail Designation would deprive landowners of their ability to use and enjoy their property as they see fit;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of County Commissioners of Russell County, Kansas opposes the Chisholm National Trail and Western National Historic Trail Designation of the 2,728 miles aforementioned, and does not wish to confer upon an unelected management entity the ability to establish, inventory or influence land use policy within the boundaries of this county.

**Resolution opposing Chisholm National Historic Trail and
Western National Historic Trail Designation**

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF RUSSELL COUNTY, KANSAS**



Duke Strobel, Chairman



Steve Reinhardt, Member



Daron Woelk, Member

ATTEST:



Kristi Whitman
County Clerk



RESOLUTION 23-53

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING CHISHOLM NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL AND WESTERN NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL DESIGNATION

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Whereas, the establishment of a 109-county National Historic Trail Designation would adversely influence local officials to pass zoning laws not otherwise needed in order to accommodate the surrounding view (referred to as viewshed) of National Historical Trail Designations, thereby altering well-established processes for land use regulation;

Whereas, a National Historic Trail Designation invites interference in local affairs by special interest groups who claim to be stakeholders, such as the National Park Service, animal rights activists and environmental groups who do not have the historical perspective or deeply felt stewardship responsibility of owners who have worked the land over several generations.

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Whereas, a fundamental interdependence exists between individual liberty and the ability to own property, the citizens of this county are very concerned that a National Historic Trail Designation would deprive landowners of their ability to use and enjoy their property as they see fit;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Sheridan County Board of Commissioners oppose the Chisholm National Trail and Western National Historic Trail Designation of the 2,728 miles aforementioned and do not wish to confer upon an unelected management entity the ability to establish, inventory or influence land use policy within the boundaries of this county.

This Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and shall remain in effect until future action is taken by the Sheridan County Board of County Commissioners.

Adopted this 27th day of June, 2023.

Sheridan County Board of County Commissioners



Mike Mader



Joe Bainter



Kyle Ahlenstorf

ATTEST: 

Heather Bracht, County Clerk

