

Tim Johnson, Coffey County Commissioners Lobbyist. I am a proponent of this bill. SB370. As a commissioner and the Lobbyist of Coffey County, KS I oversee these resolutions passed.

Thank you,

Tim Johnson  
Waverly KS,

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-874

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, in Section 216 of Executive Order 14008, the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture and other senior officials, was directed 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 million 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, President Biden does not identify which lands may be targeted by the program Executive Order 14008. However, the Department of Interior released a fact sheet on the same day finding that only 12 percent of America's lands are currently "conserved"; 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 the Order; and

WHEREAS, the "30 x 30" program creates great local concern that the federal government will move to enlarge the federal estate or further restrict the use of public lands, especially those public lands located within the boundaries of Coffey County; and

WHEREAS, the "30 x 30" program also involves the potential increase in land use restrictions by the federal government on lands located within the boundaries of Coffey County and obtaining the 30 percent goal from state or private lands under the Order would potentially

require condemnation or otherwise severely limit the local uses of such lands, resulting in the infringement on the private property rights of our citizens and significantly harming our local economy; and

**WHEREAS**, placing private lands into permanent conservation status will cause dramatic and irreversible harm to the economies of many states, including Kansas, and in particular rural counties such as Coffey County whose citizens depend on private lands for their livelihoods; and

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order 14008 at Sec. 216(a) directs the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with other relevant federal agencies to "submit a report to the Task Force within 90 days of the date of this order recommending steps that the United States should take, working with State, local, Tribal, and territorial governments, agricultural and forest landowners, fishermen, and other key stakeholders, to achieve the goal of conserving at least 30 percent of our lands and waters by 2030."

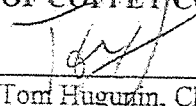
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Coffey County, Kansas, as follows:

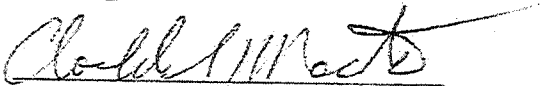
1. The Board opposes the "30 x 30" program, including its objective of permanently preserving 30 percent of the Nation's lands in its natural state by 2030, or any similar program that will set aside and prevent the productive use of our lands.
2. The Board further opposes any unilateral special designations of public lands in Coffey County under the "30 x 30" program without full public participation and local support. Any proposed designation of lands under the "30 x 30" program must directly involve and include the local preferences of Coffey County citizens, especially those designations that restrict public access to such lands and/or prevent the development and productive use of the resources on or within such lands.
3. The Board supports the current management of the public lands and federally designated areas, and in careful coordination with Coffey County to ensure consistency with County land use plans and land management policies, as required by law.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. The Board opposes the use of global climate change as an excuse to set aside large tracts of land as preserves or open space to fulfill the 30 X 30 program's objectives.

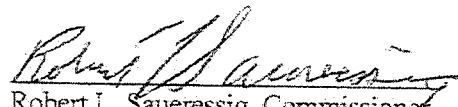
7. The Board maintains that the designation of public lands to fulfill the "30 x 30" program's objectives may lawfully occur, if at all, only through the planning process mandated by the Federal Land Management and Policy Act (for public lands), including public notice and an opportunity to comment, analysis and disclosure of the impacts of such land acquisitions on the well-being, health, safety, welfare, economy, and culture of Coffey County, its businesses, and its citizens, and careful coordination with Coffey County officials.
8. 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 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 Coffey County, its businesses, and its citizens.
9. The Board shall send a copy of this Resolution to the Department of Interior and all other relevant Federal and State agencies.

ADOPTED this 26th day of July 2021, by the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COFFEY COUNTY, KANSAS.

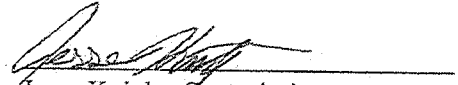
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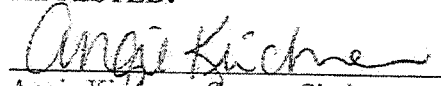
  
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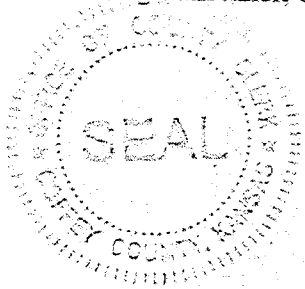
  
Robert L. Saueressig, Commissioner

  
Tim Johnson, Commissioner

  
Jesse Knight, Commissioner

ATTESTED:

  
Angie Kirchner, County Clerk



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;

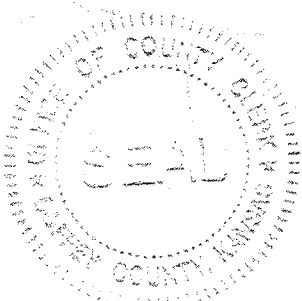
WHEREAS, there is additional local concern that the FFNHA will adversely influence local officials to pass zoning laws not otherwise needed in order to accommodate a National Area Heritage Area Management Plan developed by the National Park Service and approved by the Secretary of the Interior, thereby 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  
Denise Hummel  
Deputy Clerk

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**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.

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

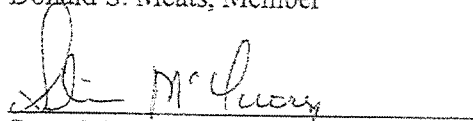
DATED THIS 26<sup>TH</sup> OF JUNE, 2023.


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COFFEY COUNTY, KANSAS

  
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ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Angie Kirchner, County Clerk

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Wade H. Bowie, II, County Attorney

