

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
IN SUPPORT OF A BAN ON WILDLIFE KILLING CONTESTS**

WHEREAS, Clark County is home to a vibrant ecosystem that includes a variety of wildlife, including coyotes, bobcats and foxes;

WHEREAS certain organizations and businesses promote contests for the killing of wildlife such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes in order to win monetary or other prizes; and

WHEREAS, there have been more than two dozen wildlife killing contests in Nevada in recent years, including at least four such contests in Clark County; and

WHEREAS, the purposes and goals of competitive wildlife killing contests are profit, entertainment, prizes, or gambling and not for goals of personal consumption, protection of property, or the ethic of conservation; and

WHEREAS, coyotes, bobcats, fox and other species play an integral part of the ecosystem and a critical role in maintaining a healthy balance of flora and fauna by preying on species such as rabbits, mice, and other rodents; and

WHEREAS, Clark County values hunting as a method of food gathering, recreation, wildlife management, and protecting private property, and

WHEREAS, Clark County residents engage in legal hunting not only in Clark County, but also throughout the State of Nevada; and

WHEREAS, Clark County recognizes that contest killing does not align with the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation; and

WHEREAS, several Western states have already banned wildlife killing contests in recent years, including Arizona, New Mexico, California, Washington and Colorado; and

WHEREAS, the banning of wildlife killing contests in other Western states has resulted in an increased number of organizers of such wildlife killing contests to flock to Nevada to carry out such contests; and

WHEREAS, Clark County residents and visitors use public lands in Clark County and throughout the State of Nevada for hiking, rock climbing, dog walking, bird watching, seasonal game hunting, horseback riding, and other outdoor activities compatible with maintenance of a healthy

environment, and the activities of wildlife killing contest attendees pose a threat to their safety and well-being; and,

WHEREAS, Clark County represents approximately 72 percent of the residents of Nevada;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that Clark County recommends that the Nevada Division of Wildlife take immediate action to ban all wildlife killing contests in the State of Nevada.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 2nd day of March, 2021.

Marilyn Kirkpatrick, Chair

ATTEST:

Lynn Marie Goya, Clerk