

RESOLUTION #2021-16

WHEREAS, President Biden signed an Executive Order on January 27, 2021 to help restore balance on public lands and waters, create jobs, and provide a path to align the management of America’s public lands and waters with our nation’s climate, conservation, and clean energy; and

WHEREAS, according to the Department of the Interior, approximately 60% of the land in the United States is in a natural state. Is it necessary to protect more? Above the 60%, there are 12% of lands that are permanently protected at this time. 23% of America’s ocean is currently strongly protected. Do we need more?; and

WHEREAS, Per “The Guardian” online magazine article of Wednesday, February 17, 2021, the “so-called 30 by 30 conservation goal has already met with bipartisan support in congress, and it aligns with science based global preservation targets to reach an eventual target of 50% by 2050.” ; and

WHEREAS, “The Guardian” article further states that “in order to meet Biden’s goals, the country will have to conserve more than 400 million acres of land and inland waterways alone in the next 10 years.” ; and

WHEREAS, “The Guardian” article continues with “At the top of conservationists lists are areas rich in biodiversity: mountain ranges like the Appalachians and the Blue Ridge Mountains, wide swaths of prairieland across the Great Plains, old-growth forests in the Pacific north-west and currently under-protected coastal forests in the American south-east.” ; and

WHEREAS, “The Guardian” article states and quotes Tom Cors, Government relations director of lands for the Nature Conservancy “Even if some protected areas are still privately owned “ownership isn’t as important as outcome.” – NOTE this is an assault on private ownership; and

WHEREAS, “The Guardian” article reports “By summer, it is likely that the Interior Department and other US agencies will have developed a roadmap to reach the 30 by 30 goals. That means there is still time for Americans to influence the process.” Now is the time for good people to stand up and be counted; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to protect our land and Nation, we need to contact our Federal Senators and Representatives, our State Congressmen to make our voices heard.

Motion passed and Resolution #2021-16 adopted this 25th day of March, 2021.

Joe Falkenburg, Chairman

ATTEST:

Sue Ganje, Fall River Auditor