

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S
"30 X 30" LAND PRESERVATION GOAL
STATE OF NEBRASKA
COUNTY OF GARDEN
RESOLUTION NO. 2021-04-1**

At a regular scheduled meeting of the Board of County Commissioners (Board) for Garden County, Nebraska, held at the Garden County Courthouse on 12th day of April 2021, with all members present, the Board state and resolve as follows:

On January 27, 2021, United States President Joseph R. Biden, Jr., issued Executive Order 14008 entitled "Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Aboard (86 Fed. Reg. 7,6919); and

Executive Order 14008 directed Secretary of 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

Designated lands as wilderness does not assure preservation of said lands. Left in an undisturbed or natural state, these lands are highly susceptible to wildfires, insect infestation, occupation of undesirable animals and insects, and disease, all of which degrades the natural environment and human environment and usefulness; and

The well-being, health, safety, welfare, economic condition, and culture of Garden County, its businesses, and its citizens depend on private land ownership and private use as well as the use of the resources which this land; and

Many of Garden County's businesses and its citizens are involved in, or otherwise depend, on industries that utilize private lands and their resources, including farming, ranching, recreational industries, hunting, and fishing; and

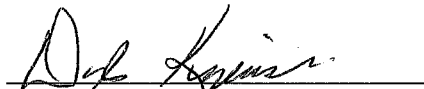
These industries are important components of the Garden County economy, and are major contributors to the economic and social well-being of its citizens; and

The Garden County Commissioners state that for Garden County, Nebraska placing private lands into permanent conservation status will cause dramatic and irreversible harm to the private land and economy Garden County and its citizens who depend on private lands for their livelihoods; and

Executive order 14008 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, fisherman, and other key stakeholders, to achieve the goal of conserving at least 30 percent of the waters by 2030."

The County Board of Commissioners of Garden County, Nebraska, state and direct to the Task Force that for Garden County, Nebraska:

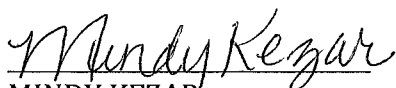
1. The Board opposes Executive Order 14008, the 30 X 30 program, including its objective of permanently preserving 30 percent of the Nation's lands in its natural state by 2030, or any similar program that will set aside and prevent the productive use of our lands in this nation and in Garden County.
2. The Board further opposes designation of lands in Garden County as wilderness, wilderness study areas, wildlife preserves, open space, or other conservation land which are not already designated as such.
3. The Board supports the continued private ownership and use of land in the County, fully recognizing the Nation's and the County's need for domestic sources on minerals, energy, timber, food, and fiber.
4. The Board maintains that any lands or other rights that are acquired to fulfill a Federal objective should and must only be acquired from willing landowners and with payment for the full and fair market value for all rights and interests acquired pursuant to the 5th amendment of the United States Constitution.
5. The Board maintains that the taking of private land or purchasing private land as related in the 30 X 30 program should also recognize and pay for the harm it does to the current economy, non-land owning persons who depend and use the land for private purposes for their livelihood and recreation, and for future losses to the local, state and federal economies.
6. The Board directs the Clerk to send a copy of this Resolution to the Department of Interior, the Secretary of Agriculture, and all other relevant Federal and State agencies which are a part, or have input to the Task Force, and to the President of the United States of America.


DIXANN KRAEWSKI- Chairman


DAVID DYMAK, Commissioner


TERRY KRAUTER, Commissioner

ATTEST:


MINDY KEZAR,
GARDEN COUNTY CLERK



4-12-21

DATE