

## **RESOLUTION No. 2021-14**

**WHEREAS**, on January 27, 2021 the Biden Administration issued Executive Order 14008 also known as the 30 x 30 plan directing the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Agriculture, and other senior officials to “conserve” at least 30% of all lands and waters within the United States by the year 2030;

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

**WHEREAS**, Congress never delegated authority to the President or executive agencies to unilaterally change the policies governing land use in America;

**WHEREAS**, Section 216 of Executive Order 14008 is a clear overreach of executive authority, which infringes on the sovereignty of the states and rights of the citizens;

**WHEREAS**, Congress has specifically directed the federal executive branch through the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA), 43 U.S.C. §§ 1701 – 1787, the National Forest Management Act of 1976 (NFMA), 16 U.S.C. §§ 1600 – 1614, the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), 42 U.S.C. §§ 4321 – 4370e, and other laws to coordinate land management plans and policies with states and their local governments and tribes;

**WHEREAS**, since the issuance of Executive Order 14008 the Biden Administration has failed to exercise any of the consultation and coordination responsibilities required by these statutes and by the very provisions of the Executive Order 14008;

**WHEREAS**, States, agriculture stakeholders and private landowners have been excluded from any portion of the process of Executive Order 14008;

**WHEREAS**, land use for agricultural production, grazing and animal production are essential to our economy and very survival;

**WHEREAS**, setting aside 30% of land and putting it under federal control for the purposes of “conservation” within every county would destroy livelihoods and economies throughout our country;

**WHEREAS**, Nebraska Governor Ricketts and 14 other state Governors have co-signed a letter of opposition to Executive Order 14008;

**WHEREAS**, Nebraska State Attorney General Doug Peterson and Kansas State Attorney General Derek Schmidt have filed a lawsuit challenging the provisions of the Executive Order 14008;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Washington County Board of Supervisors supports the actions of Governor Ricketts and Attorney General Peterson challenging Executive Order 14008;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Washington County Board of Supervisors insists any lands or other rights that may be acquired to fulfill the objectives of the Executive Order 14008 must only be acquired 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 Washington County, its business, and its citizens.

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Dated this day 25<sup>th</sup> of May 2021

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
WASHINGTON COUNTY, NEBRASKA



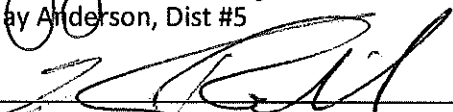
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