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MINERAL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

TO OPPOSE THE PROPOSED BALLOT INITIATIVE 16 "PROTECT ANIMALS FROM UNNECESSARY SUFFERING AND EXPLOITATION" (PAUSE)

**WHEREAS**, on March 17, 2021, a citizens' initiative titled "Protect Animals from Unnecessary Suffering and Exploitation" (PAUSE) was approved by the Title Board of the Colorado Secretary of State for petition to the November 2022 General Election as Initiative 16; and

**WHEREAS**, Initiative 16 (PAUSE) would criminalize common and accepted veterinary practices, including **spaying and neutering**, assistance with difficult births, artificial insemination, pregnancy diagnosis and fertility testing; and

**WHEREAS**, Initiative 16 (PAUSE) would redefine these common and accepted veterinary and animal husbandry practices as a "sexual act with an animal;" and

**WHEREAS**, Initiative 16 (PAUSE) also disallows the slaughter of animals that have lived less than 25 percent of their "natural" life span; and

**WHEREAS**, the economic impact to farmers, ranchers, meat cutters, veterinarians, and other related industries would be tremendous and negative; and

**WHEREAS**, Initiative 16 (PAUSE) uses deceptive language; and

**WHEREAS**, a spokesman for Colorado Governor Polis stated that Polis "agrees with farmers and ranchers that the PAUSE ballot initiative would hurt Colorado and destroy jobs, and he opposes it."

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MINERAL COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** that the Board hereby declares its opposition to Ballot Initiative 16, Protect Animals from Unnecessary Suffering and Exploitation (PAUSE), and

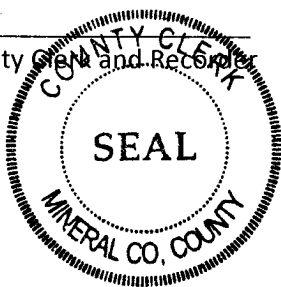
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board urges all citizens of Mineral County to decline signing any petition that supports placing Ballot Initiative 16 on the November 2022 ballot and encourages all Mineral County residents to educate themselves about the importance of agriculture to the entire State of Colorado and the negative consequences of Ballot Initiative 16 (PAUSE); and

**FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board urges the Governor of Colorado and the Commissioner of the Colorado Department of Agriculture to continue opposing the initiative.

Commissioner Albright made a motion to adopt the foregoing Resolution. Commissioner Lamb seconded the motion for the adoption of the foregoing Resolution and passed on a 3 aye and 0 nay vote.

Adopted at a regular meeting of the Mineral County Board of County Commissioners held on the 4 day of June 2021 at the Mineral County Courthouse, Creede, Colorado.

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ATTEST: Eryn Wintz, Mineral County Clerk and Recorder



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