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Coalition Of Arizona/  
New Mexico Counties  
For Stable Economic  
Growth

*"Working together for responsible  
management."*

## RESOLUTION

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE COALITION OF ARIZONA/NEW MEXICO COUNTIES REQUESTING THE ARIZONA AND NEW MEXICO GOVERNORS TO DENOUNCE THE MEXICAN WOLF RECOVERY PROGRAM AND TO FORMALLY ENGAGE AND DEMAND THAT THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR TURN MANAGEMENT OF MEXICAN WOLVES OVER TO THE STATES.**

WHEREAS, the livestock industry in Arizona and New Mexico annually contributes billions of dollars to the two states' economies; and

WHEREAS, the United States fish and wildlife service has implemented a Mexican wolf recovery program in Arizona and New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the United States fish and wildlife service recently enacted a new program regarding Mexican wolves that greatly expands the area in Arizona and New Mexico where wolves will be released and new wolf packs established; and

WHEREAS, Mexican wolf depredation and failed federal interdiction policies have caused enormous economic harm to the livestock industry and local communities in Arizona and New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, wolf introduction efforts elsewhere in the United States have led to similar effects on the livestock industry and caused drastic decreases in wild deer and elk populations while wolf populations have increased unmanaged and unchecked; and

WHEREAS, in promulgating the new federal program regarding Mexican wolves, the federal government failed to adequately analyze the current and potential future negative environmental and economic impacts of the revised federal Mexican wolf introduction program; and

WHEREAS, the federal government is continuing an illegal program of releasing wolves in Arizona and New Mexico against the wishes of the affected citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Endangered Species Act does not allow listing at the subspecies level (*Canis lupus baileyi*), and gray wolves (*Canis lupus*) have been proposed to be delisted; and

WHEREAS, the federal government continues to prove it is not capable of fiscally or biologically managing Mexican wolves in Arizona or New Mexico.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Coalition of Arizona/New Mexico Counties that the Arizona and New Mexico Governors are requested to formally engage the United States Department of the Interior and request immediate withdrawal of the Mexican wolf recovery program and relinquish

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management of Mexican wolves to the Arizona and New Mexico Departments of Game and Fish for management as any other predator or nuisance species; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the secretary of the United States Department of the Interior and the Arizona and New Mexico Governors.

Done this \_\_\_\_ day of March, 2015

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Drew John, President