

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF LASSEN,  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA, REGARDING THE GRAY WOLVES IN LASSEN  
COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Fish and Wildlife gives the appearance of only wanting to protect apex predators; and

**WHEREAS**, wolves have been present in Lassen County since 2017. Since Lassen County had the first pack established there have been numerous depredations, injuries and economic losses due to the invasive gray wolves. Eight confirmed depredations have occurred in Lassen County in the month of March 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, wolf sightings, depredations and established packs have also been present in Modoc, Siskiyou, Plumas, Sierra, Tulare, Shasta, and Tehama counties; and

**WHEREAS**, these wolves are not native to California but rather are Canadian gray wolves and should be considered an invasive species as they are not a rebounding species as the State alleges; and

**WHEREAS**, these wolves have shown a lack of fear towards humans by attacking livestock near homes, where both adults and children are present. This behavior presents an imminent danger to local livestock producers and the families living and working on the affected properties; and

**WHEREAS**, the increase in gray wolf populations in the region has led to higher predation of big game species resulting in reduced wildlife populations, which negatively impacts local tourism, particularly hunting, a crucial source of economic revenue for our rural communities. Private Land Management (PLM) tags were reduced from 2 tags to 1 tag last year due to lack of game as a result to a high number of protected predators (IE: wolves, lions, and bears); and

**WHEREAS**, the legal protections afforded to the invasive gray wolf under both state and federal law have created a significant imbalance. Whereby rural residents, touring recreationists, and livestock producers, have little to no recourse to protect their property, livelihoods or safety without risking criminal and or civil penalties; and

**WHEREAS**, current California law allows for the removal of specific black bears and mountain lions that pose a public safety threat and similar authority should be extended for the invasive gray wolf; and

**WHEREAS**, Lassen County is socially and economically disadvantaged and one of the few counties in the state that is losing population, and we have been bearing the brunt of the economic losses created by this protected invasive species. It is unfair that the state can protect their animals but our residents cannot protect our animals; and

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**WHEREAS**, steel jawed leghold traps were banned by proposition by the people of the state of California, yet the Department of Fish and Wildlife has been using steel jawed leghold traps to capture the wolves in order to collar them. There has been no explanation as to how the state can violate laws that were established by its own citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the economy of Lassen County is significantly supported by the local ranching industry, which is currently being negatively impacted by the introduction of the Canadian Wolf in the area; and

**WHEREAS**, Lassen County has written multiple letters and resolutions to the California Fish and Game Commission, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the California Department of Natural Resources have yet to receive any relief from these invasive species. A wolf compensation program was established for direct losses only but was not retroactive for losses incurred to Lassen County producers.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Lassen, State of California hereby demands that:

- There be immediate intervention by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, or any other appropriate State or Federal agency, to address this rapidly evolving issue;
- The State create a robust compensation program for both direct and indirect costs for local producers where wolf packs have been established and identified;
- The State grant the authority to local law enforcement, the State Department of Fish and Game, authorized trappers, and local producers to protect their livestock and themselves through methods from aggressive hazing to lethal means, including euthanizing wolves, to prevent further livestock losses and ensure the safety of our Lassen County residents and to protect the economic well-being of the region by protecting the local ranching community, a significant segment of the local economy; and

This resolution was adopted on the 20th day of May 2025, at a regular meeting of the Lassen County Board of Supervisors in Susanville, California by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

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ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

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Chairman of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Lassen, State of California

ATTEST:

JULIE BUSTAMANTE

Clerk of the Board

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Michele Yderraga, Deputy Clerk of the Board

I, MICHELE YDERRAGA, Deputy Clerk of the Board of the Board of Supervisors, County of Lassen, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the said Board of Supervisors at a regular meeting thereof held on the 20th day of May, 2025.

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Deputy Clerk of the Lassen County Board of Supervisors