

RESOLUTION 2008-20

WHEREAS, the County has heard that there may be an attempt to introduce into Thomas County, a species of ferret, or other species not indigenous to the County,

WHEREAS, the people of Thomas County have the right to be advised of such planned action and of the adverse or beneficial impact such action will have on them, their economic stability, and their interest in maintaining a sound total environment,

WHEREAS, the Board of Thomas County Commissioners have the obligation and responsibility to represent the interests of the people, and the interest of Thomas County as a whole in economic stability, a sound environment, the local police powers left to the County and the people under the 10th Amendment to the United States Constitution, and to the general health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the County,

WHEREAS, Thomas County has the authority to serve the interests of its citizens under the Endangered Species Act, particularly but not exclusively to Section 4 of the Act, by requiring the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to consult with and coordinate with the Board of County Commissioners prior to any act of placing such species into the county,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners have an obligation to its citizens to exercise the local authority which is recognized by the Endangered Species Act, particularly but not exclusively in Section 4 of the Act,

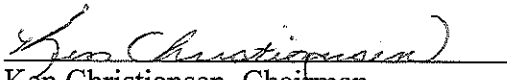
THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Board of Thomas County Commissioners that no person or agency shall introduce into Thomas County any one or more black footed ferret or any one or more of any other species which is considered by the Department of Fish and Wildlife or any other agency to be an endangered species, a threatened species, or a sensitive species under the Endangered Species Act and/or federal rules and regulations promulgated to implement said Act, or any species not indigenous to the County,

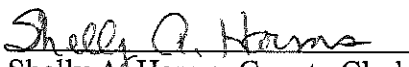
IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that no person or agency shall bring into Thomas County for the purpose of creating, establishing, recreating or strengthening the habitat of any one or more black footed ferret or any one or more of any other species which is considered by the Department of Fish and Wildlife or any other agency to be an endangered species or threatened species or sensitive species under the Endangered Species Act and/or federal rules and regulation promulgated to implement said Act, or any species not indigenous to Thomas County.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that by executing this Resolution, Thomas County serves notice on the Secretary of Interior and any and all persons and agencies under this jurisdiction, and on any other Cabinet member who has authority to act under the Endangered Species Act, of the existence of Thomas County's policy against introduction into the County of any one or more of black footed ferret or any one or more of any other species within the categories identified in this Resolution for purposes of creating, establishing, recreating or strengthening a habitat for said species within the County,

IT IS FINALLY RESOLVED, that by executing this Resolution, Thomas County serves notice to all the persons and agencies identified in the previous paragraph of this Resolution of their obligation under the Endangered Species Act to notify Thomas County in advance of any planned action identified in this Resolution and to consult and coordinated with the county prior to any such planned action, and of the County's authority to insist upon such notice and consultation and coordination under Chapter 4 of the Endangered Species Act.

SIGNED AND DATED THIS 30TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2008.


Ken Christiansen, Chairman


Shelly A. Harms, County Clerk




Paul M. Steele, Member


Byron Sowers, Member