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Resolution # 2013- 06

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF APACHE COUNTY,
ARIZONA, DECLARING THE NEED TO ADDRESS HUMAN-PREDATOR DANGERS
IN APACHE COUNTY AND DEMANDING FURTHER ORDINANCES AND
GOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION TO ADDRESS SUCH ISSUES**

WHEREAS, the Apache County Board of Supervisors finds and determines that the increase of dangerous predators, including introduced, experimental and managed species, will result in an increase in human-predator encounters that can result in threats, attacks, injuries and death to humans, especially vulnerable, handicapped, elderly and children throughout the county; and,

WHEREAS, the Apache County Board of Supervisors finds and determines that predatory animals, including introduced, experimental and managed species, and predator-human encounters pose serious threats to human settlements, family households, expose children to health and safety risks, and threaten the economic well-being of families and businesses within the County; and,

WHEREAS, disease and spread of disease by predators including introduced, experimental and managed species and rodents is not being addressed sufficiently/effectively by the agencies at hand; and,

WHEREAS, increasing pressure on livestock from predatory animals, including introduced, experimental and managed species, has shown to impact and have detrimental effects to yearling operations; and,

WHEREAS, increased pressure from predatory animals, including introduced, experimental and managed species, has led to drastic and negative impacts on big game animals throughout the western U.S.; and,

WHEREAS, psychological impacts and damages have been proven and testified to, by licensed mental health professionals, concerning the impacts of predators, including introduced, experimental and managed species such as the wolf, with no relief forthcoming; and,

WHEREAS, many experts on predators, including introduced, experimental and managed species to include wolves, demonstrate that habituated predators may cause danger to the citizens of Apache County because these predators may have lost their fear of humans; and,

WHEREAS, the Board desires to increase its ability to protect humans, the general well-being of humans, livestock and domesticated animals from predatory animals, including introduced, experimental and managed species; and,

WHEREAS, the Board has a fiduciary responsibility under its statutory police powers to protect the health, safety and welfare of its residents; and, the County reserves the right to take whatever actions necessary to do so; and,

WHEREAS, on January 2, 2013, Arizona Game & Fish along with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced another Mexican Gray Wolf would be released into Apache County; and,

WHEREAS, previous documents prepared by U.S. Fish and Wildlife and Arizona Game and Fish Department show the intent to introduce more wolves into Apache County and surrounding areas, including the proposal of a “Southwestern Gray Wolf” management plan announced on December 18, 2012; and,

WHEREAS, the Apache County Board of Supervisors finds and determines that the USFWS actions to address Mexican Gray Wolf threats to human settlement’s, households and residents of the County are not sufficient to reduce and eliminate these threats to human populations,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Supervisors of Apache County declares that predator-human interactions are presenting a clear and substantial danger to County residents and economic interests.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors directs its staff to prepare an Ordinance Setting Forth Emergency Predator-Human Incident Protective Measures.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the purpose of the proposed ordinance be to:

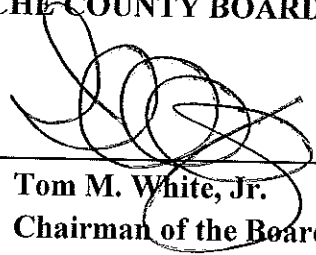
1. Prevent human death and injury;
2. Assist County residents who encounter predators and fear for their lives;
3. Provide rapid response to residents who cannot safely protect themselves from predator encounters that present a threat, as described above;
4. Prevent loss of livestock and any other property that may be damaged or destroyed by predators;
5. Reduce predator-human interactions; and,
6. Reduce habituated predators from human encounters.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution and the proposed ordinance be called immediately to the attention of Governor Jan Brewer, Arizona Game and Fish Department, Unites States Fish and Wildlife Service, Arizona Congressional Delegation and the Arizona Legislature, and that meetings, as needed, be coordinated as soon as possible.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED at St. Johns, Arizona on May 7, 2013.

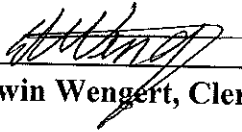
APACHE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERIVOSRS

By: _____



Tom M. White, Jr.
Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:



Delwin Wengert, Clerk of the Board