



**HIDALGO COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION NO. 2025-27**

**SUPPORTING CATRON COUNTY’S DECLARATION OF DISASTER DUE TO
EXTREME AND CONTINUAL INJURY AND DAMAGE CAUSED BY MEXICAN
GREY WOLVES**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Hidalgo County met in a regular meeting on June 11, 2025, at the Hidalgo County Administration Office, 305 Pyramid Street, Lordsburg, NM 88045; and,

WHEREAS, NMSA 1978, Section 4-37-1 provides that counties have the power to provide for the safety, preserve the health, promote the prosperity, and improve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants; and,

WHEREAS, NMSA 1978, Section 4-38-1 provides that the powers of a county as a body politic and corporate shall be exercised by a Board of County Commissioners; and,

WHEREAS, livestock production remains a vital part of the economic and cultural heritage of Hidalgo County and other rural counties in western New Mexico, and Mexican grey wolf depredation has severely harmed ranching communities, particularly in neighboring Catron County; and,

WHEREAS, Catron County has reported exponential increases in wolf attacks leading to widespread livestock loss, endangerment of residents, and significant emotional and financial harm to rural communities; and,

WHEREAS, the Catron County Board of County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 56-2025 on April 8, 2025, formally declaring a public-safety disaster due to the danger posed by Mexican grey wolves; and,

WHEREAS, Catron County’s declaration requests immediate assistance under the All Hazard Emergency Management Act (NMSA 1978, §§ 12-10-1 et seq.), the New Mexico Civil Emergency Preparedness Act (NMSA 1978, §§ 12-10-1 to 12-10-11), and other relevant emergency statutes; and,

WHEREAS, the Hidalgo County Board of Commissioners finds that the harms experienced in Catron County reflect a broader regional emergency that threatens public safety, economic stability, and rural life across southwestern New Mexico.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Hidalgo County that the County formally supports Catron County's declaration of a public-safety disaster and urges the Governor of New Mexico and relevant state and federal agencies to respond immediately with funding, personnel, and emergency resources as requested by Catron County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Hidalgo County finds that the Mexican grey wolf crisis constitutes a continuing and regional emergency requiring urgent and sustained intergovernmental coordination.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hidalgo County Board of Commissioners calls upon the New Mexico Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, the Department of Finance and Administration, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to take all necessary steps to mitigate further harm and restore safety and stability to the affected regions.

APPROVED, ADOPTED, AND PASSED on this 11th day of June 2025.

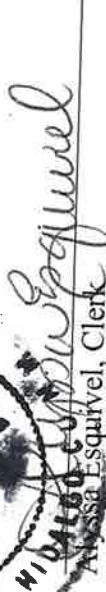
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