

**GRANT COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. R-25-40**

**SUPPORTING CATRON AND SOCORRO COUNTIES' DECLARATION OF DISASTER DUE TO EXTREME AND CONTINUOUS
INJURY AND DAMAGE CAUSED BY MEXICAN WOLVES**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Grant County met in a duly noticed, regular meeting on July 10, 2025. at the Grant County Administration Building, 1400 Highway 180 East, Silver City, New Mexico and,

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

WHEREAS, NMSA 1978, Section 4-37-1 authorizes counties to exercise all powers necessary and proper to provide for the safety, preserve the health, promote the prosperity, and improve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants; and,

WHEREAS, Mexican wolves have become increasingly habituated and aggressive in Catron County as evidenced by numerous incidents of wolves stalking children, roaming in and around communities, killing pets on front porches, causing concern for those recreating on public lands, and otherwise endangering the safety of residents and visitors, causing widespread fear and trauma in local communities; and,

WHEREAS, livestock production remains a critical economic and cultural foundation of Grant, Catron and Socorro Counties, and the introduction and proliferation of Mexican wolves have led to sustained livestock losses in Catron and Sierra Counties, which have increased in recent months to disaster levels, harming the local ranching economy and causing growing impacts regionally; and,

WHEREAS, Grant County has recognized the urgency of these harms and recently requested to join the County Livestock Loss Authority (CLLA) and has been granted participation in support of the response and compensation efforts; and,

WHEREAS, the Catron County Board of County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 56-2025 on April 8, 2025, formally declaring a public safety disaster in Catron County due to the threat of injury and damage caused by Mexican wolves; and,

WHEREAS, the Socorro County Board of County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 2025-36, on May 13, 2025, formally declaring a disaster in Socorro County due to the extreme and continual injury and damage caused by Mexican wolves; and

WHEREAS, Mexican wolves have been documented in Grant County and, as the wolf population grows, similar public safety concerns are expected as reported by our neighboring counties; and,

WHEREAS, these resolutions acknowledge that all locally available public and private resources are insufficient to cope with the escalating wolf crisis; and,

WHEREAS, Catron and Socorro Counties' emergency declarations invoke the use of all available county resources and necessary emergency powers, and formally request immediate assistance and relief from the State of New Mexico and the federal government 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, Grant County acknowledges the inadequacy of local resources to respond to the severity of the crisis in Catron and Socorro Counties, which continues to escalate and threatens broader regional economic stability, cultural heritage, public health, and safety.

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Grant County Board of Commissioners finds that the conditions in Catron and Socorro Counties reported constitute a continuing regional emergency requiring urgent and sustained inter-governmental coordination.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Grant County Commission calls upon all appropriate agencies, including the New Mexico Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, the Department of Game and Fish, the Department of Finance and Administration, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, to take immediate steps to mitigate further harm and to restore balance to the impacted areas.

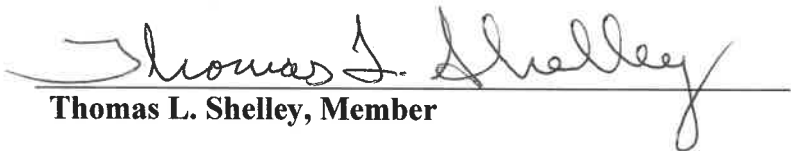
PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED at a duly called and convened regular meeting of the governing body of the County of Grant, this 10th day of July 2025.

**BOARD OF GRANT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
GRANT COUNTY, NEW MEXICO:**



Chris M. Ponce, Chairman

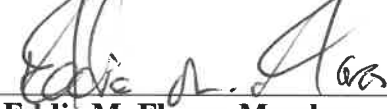
Nancy Stephens, Member



Thomas L. Shelley, Member



Eloy H. Medina, Vice Chairman



Eddie M. Flores, Member

Attest:



Connie Holguin, Clerk

