

Animal Service Center of the Mesilla Valley

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-08

A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE END OF THE USE OF HIDDEN AND UNMARKED STRANGULATION SNARES, POISONS, STEEL-JAW AND ANY AND ALL BODY-GRIPPING ANIMAL TRAPS AND ALSO TO SUPPORT THE REFUGE CRUEL TRAPPING ACT H.R. 3710

WHEREAS, commercial and recreational trapping of furbearing animals using hidden and unmarked strangulation snares, steel-jaw and other body-gripping animal traps is permitted on many of New Mexico's public lands, including in the Rio Grande River, Mesilla Dam, Organ Mountains and other public lands proposed in the Desert Peaks Wilderness Act;

WHEREAS, strangulation snares, steel-jaw and other body-gripping traps are not particular about the age, sex or species they capture, their use on public lands results in the unnecessary pain, suffering, maiming and killing of untold numbers of "non-target" animals, including domestic dogs and cats, rabbits, deer, songbirds, eagles, owls, hawks and all manner of threatened and endangered species;

WHEREAS, millions of people and numerous organizations, including the American Veterinarian Association, the American Animal Hospital Association, the World Veterinary Association, and the National Animal Control Association have declared steel-jaw traps to be inhumane;

WHEREAS, trappers are not required to mark the location of their set traps near public recreation areas, including hiking trails and other public land that borders the City of Las Cruces or Doña Ana County;

WHEREAS, humans have suffered injuries and companion animals have been injured, maimed and killed by hidden and unmarked steel-jaw traps in New Mexico;

WHEREAS, tourism to Southern New Mexico and the greater Las Cruces area is of major economic benefit and concern to the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County and its merchants and residents;

WHEREAS, ending the use of poisons, strangulation snares, steel-jaw and other body gripping animal traps on New Mexico's public lands will benefit the City of Las Cruces and Doña Ana County by eliminating a practice that detracts from the Tourist-Friendly environment of our Region, resolution in an even greater appreciation of the wondrous natural environment that surrounds our City, thereby creating community pride for a stronger City;

WHEREAS, the use of all types of poisons on New Mexico public lands is harmful to wildlife as well as domestic animals and their use causes unnecessary suffering and death to untold numbers of animals on New Mexico public lands;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Animal Service Center of Mesilla Valley supports the banning of animal trapping and poisoning on New Mexico

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public lands through the use of steel-jaw traps as well as all types of poisons, kill type traps, snare traps and any modified version of any such traps;

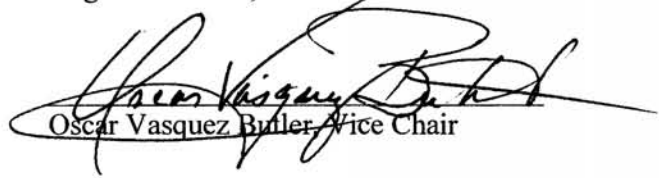
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Animal Service Center of Mesilla Valley adopts this Resolution and encourages Congressman Harry Teague to support the Refuge from the Cruel Trapping Act, H.R. 3710, which proposes to ban the use of steel-jaw traps, snare traps and any modified version of any such traps in our National Wildlife Refuge System.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 3rd day of JUNE, 2010.

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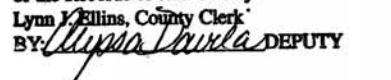

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ATTEST:


Lynn J. Ellins, County Clerk



State of New Mexico
County of Dona Ana, as
RECEPTION NO. 1018804
I hereby certify that this instrument was
filed for recording and duly recorded on
at 4:43 JUL - 8, 2010 P o'clock
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Lynn J. Ellins, County Clerk
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