

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-29**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF HIDALGO COUNTY AGAINST THE "DONA ANA CITIZENS PROPOSAL" IN THE MATTER OF THE ORGAN MOUNTAIN-DESERT PEAKS NATIONAL MONUMENT WHICH HAS HUGE IMPLICATIONS THAT POSE DANGERS TO HIDALGO COUNTY, NEW MEXICO AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.**

**Whereas**, HIDALGO COUNTY is solid in its realm to provide for the health, safety and welfare of its citizens, and

**Whereas**, HIDALGO COUNTY is proactive regarding regulatory management decisions that tend to diminish the value of private property which can deprive citizens of access to and the use of natural resources which have significant accumulated impacts on the economy that shape the citizens customs and culture, and

**Whereas**, the multiple attempt to create huge restricted access land designations in Dona Ana County have all failed, thus clearly indicating the general citizenry is not committed to such an ambitious undertaking, and

**Whereas**, the current, "Citizen's Proposal" increases the footprint of all previous failed attempts of that County's land...inclusive of a majority of the beef cattle industry all without citizen stakeholder participation, and

**Whereas**, the veiled attempt to reopen the federal Wilderness assessment process clearly defined in the Federal Lands Policy and Management Act of 1976 in the attempted consolidation of 600,000 acres of that County is a dangerous precedent that all County's with dominion of federal ownership would ultimately face, and

**Whereas**, the danger to National Security in the proposal is not resolved in any manner and remains a real and unresolved problem that all citizens must face with the actions of the Citizen's Proposal,

**Now Therefore Be it Resolved**, that HIDALGO COUNTY approved, passed, and adopted its stand against the "Dona Ana Citizens Proposal" in the matter of the Organ Mountain-Desert Peaks National Monument this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of JUNE, 2012, and

**Let it be Further Resolved**, that HIDALGO COUNTY calls upon the governing bodies of Dona Ana County to withdraw any and all support, and

**Let if be Further Resolved**, that matters of such magnitude be resolved in the normal and customary Congressional process rather than the special interest, politically motivated Executive Order alternative.

Richard Charles, Commission Chair

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ATTEST:

  
Carmen Acosta, County Clerk