

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
SANTA FE COUNTY**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016- 130**

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**A RESOLUTION TO ACTIVELY PROTECT PUBLIC LANDS IN SANTA FE COUNTY  
THAT ARE USED BY RECREATIONALISTS FROM BODY GRIPPING ANIMAL  
TRAPS.**

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**WHEREAS**, in 2011, the Board of County Commissioners expressed its commitment to ending inhumane animal trapping by passing Santa Fe County Resolution 2011-25, A Resolution to Support Banning Inhumane Animal Trapping On New Mexico Public Lands Through The Use of Strangulation Snares, Steel-Jaw Traps and Other Body-Gripping Animal Traps;

**WHEREAS**, animals caught in traps suffer inhumane levels of fear, pain, stress, starvation, dehydration or predation for unpredictable, lengthy periods of time;

**WHEREAS**, prohibiting the use of body gripping animal traps will protect the safety of individuals, families, companion animals, endangered species, and wildlife as well as protect the expectations and trust of the public with respect to our National Forest System and United States Bureau of Land Management lands;

**WHEREAS**, rules governing the location of traps from trails, roads, and other human facilities are not always complied with, causing injury to humans, domestic animals, endangered species, and other non-target animals;

**WHEREAS**, the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, the U.S. Forest Service, and the general public cannot protect domestic animals, endangered species, other non-target animals, and even human beings from unnecessary injury or death because trap locations are unreported;

**WHEREAS**, trapping supports the often inhumane commercial fur industry, as trapping is driven by the primary purpose of selling raw animal pelts to the commercial fur industry;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County pledges that its staff shall work toward prohibiting trapping on federal public lands within the County, including by engaging with the United States Forest Service and the United States Bureau of Land Management, seeking relevant information from those agencies related to trapping practices on public lands, researching applicable state and federal law, and

advocating for prohibition on public lands before state and federal agencies, elected state and federal officials, and in any other venues where the citizens of the County can be protected.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 29th day of November 2016.

By: Miguel M. Chang  
Chair, Board of County Commissioners

Date: 11/29/14

ATTEST:

Geraldine Salazar  
Geraldine Salazar, County Clerk

Date: 11/29/2014



Approved as to form:

Greg Shaffer for  
Greg Shaffer, County Attorney

Date: 11/15/2016



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Geraldine Salazar  
County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM