

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION THAT THE TEHAMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OPPOSES THE PRESENCE AND INTRODUCTION OF WOLVES IN TEHAMA
COUNTY.**

WHEREAS, wolves are an apex predator that heavily prey on both livestock and wildlife.

WHEREAS, deer are the primary wildlife prey animal in Tehama County, but they have suffered diminishing numbers for years making it impossible to sustain wolf packs in their natural habitat.

WHEREAS, the lack of wildlife numbers to sustain wolf packs will inevitably lead to the predation of beef cattle, other livestock, and domestic pets as is currently witnessed by the predation habits of less capable coyote packs and validated by CDFW.

WHEREAS, the previous native population density of wolves is not clear, nor is verification of the current wolf introduction matching the genus and species of potential previous native wolves in the county.

WHEREAS, livestock production is a critical component to Tehama County's economic prosperity, with beef cattle ranked within the top three agriculture commodities produced.

WHEREAS, grazing is the primary economic driver of nearly 1,000,000 acres of land in Tehama County.

WHEREAS, livestock production is a central part of the county's cultural heritage as demonstrated by the two largest events being the Red Bluff Roundup and the Red Bluff Bull and Gelding Sale.

WHEREAS, livestock provide a critical land management tool for fire suppression, invasive species management, and improved wildlife habitat.

WHEREAS, the continued introduction of wolves into the county will cause obvious livestock mortality and significant agricultural production losses in weight gain and pregnancy. These losses may not be as obvious and difficult to quantify, yet will affect producers nonetheless.

WHEREAS, property owners are not allowed to protect and defend their private property rights with common depredation methods.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Tehama County Board of Supervisors adamantly opposes the presence and introduction of wolves in Tehama County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

RESOLUTION NO. _____