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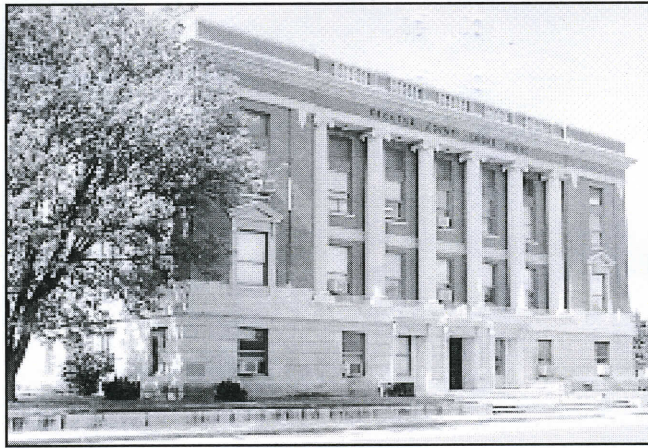
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County Of Decatur

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December 1, 2021

Dear Representative:

We have been watching, rather anxiously, the current action on the 30/30 Land Grab, National Heritage Area Partnership, as well as mask and/or vaccine mandates.

We have enclosed copies of resolutions we have done within Decatur County regarding these issues, and you will see our concerns and reasons for the action we have taken.

We want to express our strong opposition to these actions and would ask for your support. We also ask that you might keep us informed of upcoming action regarding these items.

Sincerely yours,

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DECATUR COUNTY, KANSAS

Brad Marcuson, Chairman

Karen Larson, Member

Stan McEvoy, Member

RESOLUTION # 2021-14
A resolution regarding the use of face masks.

WHEREAS the Governor of Kansas has indicated she will issue additional executive orders mandating the use of face masks in all public areas; and,

WHEREAS such mandate includes penalties for persons who do not wear face masks in public; and,

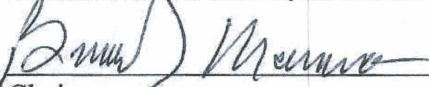
WHEREAS Kansas law authorizes the Board of County Commissioners to issue orders relating to public health that include provisions that are less stringent than the provisions of an executive order effective statewide issued by the Governor; and,

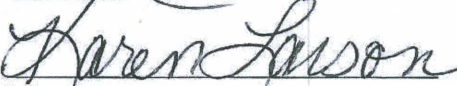
WHEREAS the board has consulted with the local health officer and following such consultation concerning the implementation of the use of face masks, as is anticipated in the Governor's executive order, and the board has determined that the use of face masks in public is not necessary to protect the public health and safety of the county; and,

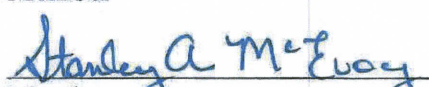
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Decatur County, Kansas, sitting both as the Board of Commissioners and as the Board of Health of the county, determines that the use of face masks in public is not required in Decatur County, Kansas.

Adopted on this 30th day of March, 2021.


BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS and
BOARD OF HEALTH
DECATUR COUNTY, KANSAS


Chairman


Member


Member

Attest:


County Clerk

RESOLUTION # 2021-15

A resolution opposing a National Heritage Area in Decatur County.

Whereas, Kansas Nebraska Heritage Area Partnership is pursuing a National Heritage Area designation encompassing 49 counties, (26 in Kansas, 23 in Nebraska, equaling 35,792 square miles) with a total population of 650,000;

Whereas, Congress has designated National Heritage Areas which encompass vast amounts of privately held land in order to highlight areas of specific interest. Citizens of this county appreciate efforts to encourage economic development, but oppose blanket designations that put dissenting private landowners in the unreasonable position of having to "opt out" of federally mandated boundaries;

Whereas, the establishment of a 49-county National Heritage Area would adversely influence local officials to pass zoning laws not otherwise needed in order to accommodate a National Heritage Area Management Plan developed by the National Park Service and approved by the Secretary of the Interior, thereby altering well-established processes for land use regulation;

Whereas, A National Heritage Area designation invites interference in local affairs by special interest groups who claim to be stakeholders, such as the National Park Service, animal rights activists and environmental groups who do not have the historical perspective or deeply felt stewardship responsibility of owners who have worked the land over several generations.

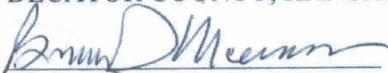
Whereas, the establishment a National Heritage Area in order to leverage federal and local matching funds based upon private property, without owner knowledge or consent, illustrates a violation of private property rights; The United States can no longer afford to borrow money to engage in endless expansion of dependency and regulation by the federal government with sunset provisions for NHAs that were never enforced, resulting in chronic dependency rather than free market activity.

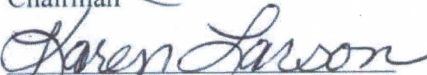
Whereas, A fundamental interdependence exists between individual liberty and the ability to own property, the citizens of this county are very concerned that a National Heritage Area designation would deprive landowners of their ability to use and enjoy their property as they see fit;

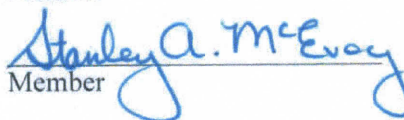
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Commissioners of Decatur County, Kansas opposes the National Heritage Area designation of the 49-county region aforementioned, and likewise opposes the inclusion of this county within the 49-county designation map and does not wish to confer upon an unelected regional management entity the ability to establish or influence land use policy within the boundaries of this county.

Passed by the Board of Commissioners of Decatur County, Kansas on this 6 day of April, 2021.


BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DECATUR COUNTY, KANSAS


Chairman


Member


Member

Attest:


County Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-16

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF DECATUR COUNTY, KANSAS, as follows:

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2021 the President signed Executive Order 14008; and

WHEREAS, the intent of such order is to take thirty percent of the land out of production by the year 2030 (commonly referred to as 30/30); and

WHEREAS, the farmers of Decatur County and around the United States feed the world; and

WHEREAS, farmers and ranchers take great pride in their protection of the land; and,

WHEREAS, the economy of Decatur County is nearly completely and totally tied to the success of production agriculture; and,

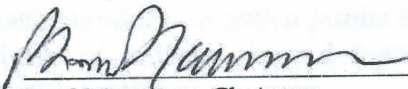
WHEREAS, many of our ancestors came to America because land was not plentiful in their native lands and the Homestead Act allowed them to own land by making improvements; and,

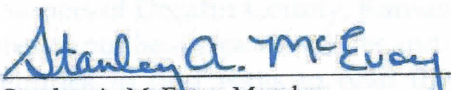
WHEREAS, private land ownership is a very important concept to our society;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Decatur County, Kansas by the authority granted the Board by the laws of the State of Kansas and people of Decatur County, Kansas, we hereby call upon Congress to pass laws that prohibit the implementation of the 30/30 executive order, and that our elected officials, including the President, educate themselves as to the importance of production agriculture in feeding the world, of the efforts taken by farmers and ranchers to be good stewards of the land, and of the devastation to our local economy and tax base if the 30/30 plan is implemented.


SECTION 6. This resolution shall take effect upon its passage.

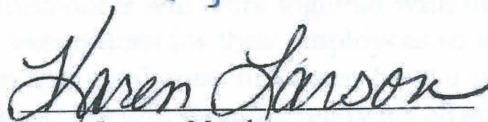
Dated this 20 day of April 2021.


Brad Marcuson, Chairman
Decatur County Board of Commissioners


Stanley A. McEvoy, Member
Decatur County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:


Nora Urban
Decatur County Clerk

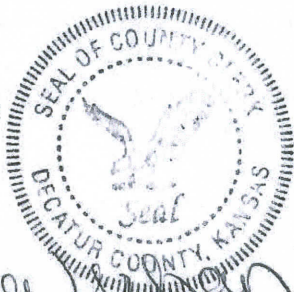

Karen Larson, Member
Decatur County Board of Commissioners

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Decatur County, Kansas, that:

1. The decisions to be vaccinated for COVID-19 is an individual and personal decision and should not be a decision made by force or manipulation by another person or entity or as a condition of employment or activity of any kind.
2. The Board of Commissioners of Decatur County, Kansas desires to express its opposition to COVID-19 vaccine and mask mandates in both a public and private context, and to express its support for the rights of individuals in all health matters.

Adopted this 26 day of October 2021.

ATTEST:



Nora Urban
Nora Urban, County Clerk

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF DECATUR COUNTY, KANSAS.

Brad Marcuson
Brad Marcuson, Chairman

Stanley A. McEvoy
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