

# Resolution

of the Nevada Association of Counties

**RESOLUTION in Support of the “Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act” as Written and Opposition to any Potential Amendments that Would Expand Management Levels or Create Eco-Sanctuaries in Nevada.**

**Whereas**, Nevada has the highest populations of wild horse and burros in the country, and

**Whereas**, Nevada has the highest percentage of public lands under federal management of the fifty states, and in some Nevada counties the total of federally managed lands exceed ninety-five percent of the land mass, and

**Whereas**, the economies of Nevada’s counties rely on the multiple use of public lands for mining, livestock grazing and recreation, and

**Whereas**, the populations of wild horses and burros in Nevada are in excess of scientifically established maximums in all herd management areas in the state, and

**Whereas**, the policies and practices of the Bureau of Land Management regarding wild horse and burro population control directly impact, and in some cases limit or preclude, other legitimate uses of the public lands, now

**Therefore be it Resolved** that the Nevada Association of Counties supports the concept of the “Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act” as currently written and the presence of wild horses and burros on the public lands of Nevada, and

**Therefore be it Further Resolved** that NACO opposes any proposed amendments to the Act that would allow any growth or expansion of wild horse and burro herds or the creation of wild horse and burro eco-sanctuaries in Nevada, and

**Therefore be it Further Resolved** that NACO supports the use of a wide range of fertility and other population control measures to reduce the rate of horse reproduction and reduce the necessity and cost of gathers and long-term holding of excess animals, and

**Therefore be it Further Resolved** that NACO calls upon the Bureau of Land Management to comply with current laws and regulations to manage the rangelands in Nevada in a manner that ensures the increased health and availability of those rangelands and to reduce the populations of wild horse and burros to their appropriate management levels, and

**Therefore be it Further Resolved** that NACO supports the sale, adoption or humane slaughter of excess animals as viable options to achieve populations consistent with established appropriate management levels, and

**Therefore be it Further Resolved** that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Nevada's Congressional delegation, the Secretary of Interior, the Director of the Bureau of Land Management, the Nevada State Director of the Bureau of Land Management, the Governor of Nevada, the Chairman of the Nevada Legislative Committee on Public Lands and the Director of the Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

Passed, Approved and Adopted this 5th day of August, 2011 by the Board of Directors of the Nevada Association of Counties.

Attest:



Doug Johnson  
President



Jeffrey Fontaine  
Executive Director

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