

## County Commissioner Resolutions Opposing Kansas Nebraska NHA

### Kansas Nebraska County Commissioner Resolutions Opposing 49-County KS-NE NHA & Date

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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.

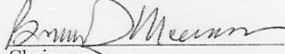
Whereas, the establishment a National Heritage Area in order to leverage federal and local matching funds based upon private property, without owner knowledge or consent, illustrates a violation of private property rights; The United States can no longer afford to borrow money to engage in endless expansion 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.

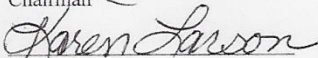
Whereas, A fundamental interdependence exists between individual liberty and the ability to own property, the citizens of this county are very concerned that a National Heritage Area designation would deprive landowners of their ability to use and enjoy their property as they see fit;

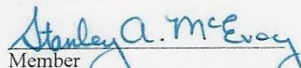
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Commissioners of Decatur County, Kansas opposes the National Heritage Area designation of the 49-county region aforementioned, and likewise opposes the inclusion of this county within the 49-county designation map and does not wish to confer upon an unelected 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.

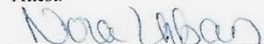
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
DECATUR COUNTY, KANSAS

  
Chairman

  
Member

  
Member

Attest:

  
County Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 21-13

RESOLUTION OPPOSING PROPOSED NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA IN  
CLAY COUNTY, NEBRASKA

WHEREAS; The establishment of a National Heritage Area would adversely affect private property rights by influencing local officials to pass zoning laws not otherwise needed and by altering well established processes for land use regulation.

WHEREAS; Congress has designated National Heritage Areas which encompass vast amounts of privately held land in order to highlight specific areas of interest. Citizens of Clay 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; 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, Nature's Conservancy, 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.

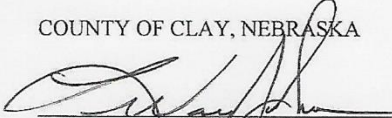
WHEREAS; The United States of America can no longer afford to borrow money to engage in endless expansion of dependency and regulation by the federal government, and each of the 49 National Heritage Areas in existence today started out with sunset dates that were never enforced, resulting in chronic dependence rather than free market activity.

WHEREAS; A fundamental interdependence exists between individual liberty and the ability to own property, and the citizens of Clay 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.

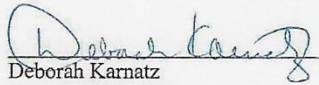
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Clay County Board of Supervisors opposes the National Heritage Area Designation proposed for Nebraska and does not wish to confer upon an unelected regional management entity, the ability to establish land use policy within the boundaries of Clay County, Nebraska.

Adopted this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.

COUNTY OF CLAY, NEBRASKA

  
L. Wayne Johnson, Chairman  
Clay County Board of Supervisors

Attest:

  
Deborah Karnatz  
Clay County Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-12

RESOLUTION OPPOSING 49-COUNTY NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA DESIGNATION

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 of 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 National Heritage Areas 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 Ottawa County, Kansas 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 Ottawa 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, direct, or influence local land use policy within the boundaries of Ottawa County, Kansas.

This document shall be filed with Ottawa County Clerk.

ADOPTED this 14th day of April 2021.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF OTTAWA COUNTY, KANSAS

Dawn D. Wolf  
Dawn Wolf, Chairman

D.D. Malmberg  
D.D. Malmberg, Member

Scott Mortimer  
Scott Mortimer, Member

ATTEST:

Mary Argabright  
Mary Argabright, County Clerk

**RESOLUTION NO. 21- 4**  
**RESOLUTION OPPOSING PROPOSED KANSAS NEBRASKA NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA**

WHEREAS; The establishment of a National Heritage Area would adversely affect private property right by influencing local officials to pass zoning laws not otherwise needed and by altering well established processes for land use regulation.

AND WHEREAS; Congress has designated National Heritage Areas which encompass vast amounts of privately held land in order to highlight specific areas of interest. Citizens of Russell 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.

AND WHEREAS; A National Heritage Area designation incites interference in local affairs by special interest groups who claim to be stakeholders, such as the National Park Service, the Nature Conservancy, 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.

AND WHEREAS; The United States of America can no longer afford to borrow money to engage in endless expansion of dependency and regulation by the federal government. Each of the 49 National Heritage Areas in existence today started out with sunset dates that were never enforced, resulting in chronic dependence rather than free market activity.

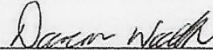
AND WHEREAS; A fundamental interdependence exists between individual liberty and the ability to own property, and the citizens of Russell County are very concerned that a National Heritage Area Designation would deprive landowners of their ability to use and enjoy their property as they see fit.


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Russell County Board of County Commissioners opposes the Kansas Nebraska National Heritage Area Designation proposed for Kansas and Nebraska, a/k/a The O'Pioneers NHA and does not wish to confer upon an unelected regional management entity, the ability to establish land use policy within the boundaries of Russell County.

Adopted this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.

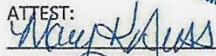
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
RUSSELL COUNTY, KANSAS

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Steve Reinhardt, Chairman

  
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Daron Woelk, Member

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Duke Strobel, Member



ATTEST:  
  
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Mary K. Nuss, County Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 21-29  
A RESOLUTION OPPOSING 49-COUNTY  
NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

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

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 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 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 of a National Heritage Area 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 provision 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, the Board of County Commissioners of Sheridan County, Kansas, oppose the National Heritage Area designation of the 49-county regional and likewise oppose the inclusion of this county within the 49-county designation map and do 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.

Approved and adopted this 20th day of April 2021.

Board of Commissioners  
Sheridan County, Kansas

Wesley Bainter  
Wesley Bainter, Chairman

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Joe Bainter, Commissioner

Mike Mader  
Mike "Buck" Mader, Commissioner

Attest: Heather Bracht  
Heather Bracht, County Clerk





RESOLUTION NO. 605

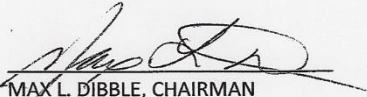
A RESOLUTION OPPOSING PROPOSED  
KANSAS NEBRASKA HERITAGE AREA PARTNERSHIP

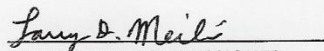
**WHEREAS;** A non-elected self-appointed board, is proposing to declare all of Phillips County as part of 49 counties(26 in Kansas, 23 in Nebraska) as a National Heritage Area for national designation. The designated area would be called "Kansas Nebraska Heritage Area Partnership" and be established without consent or agreement by local landowners or local government.

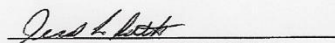
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED;** the majority of the Phillips County Commissioners oppose the Kansas Nebraska Heritage Partnership designation as proposed and do not wish to have Phillips County included in the proposed National Heritage Area Partnership.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE Board of County Commissioners of Phillips County, Kansas this 19 day of April, 2021.

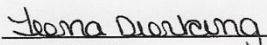
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
of Phillips County, Kansas

  
MAX L. DIBBLE, CHAIRMAN

  
LARRY MEILI, COMMISSIONER

  
JEROD ROTH, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

  
Teena Dierking,  
Phillips County Clerk



Resolution # 1898

**Opposing 49-County National Heritage Area**

WHEREAS, Kansas Nebraska Heritage Area Partnership is pursuing a National Heritage Area designation encompassing 49 counties, (26 in Kansas, and 23 in Nebraska, equaling 35,792 square miles) with a total population of 650,000.00;

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;

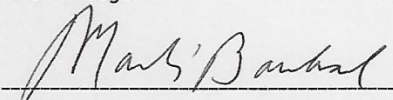
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That Thayer County opposes the National Heritage Area designation of the 49-county region aforementioned, and likewise opposes the inclusion of this county within the 49-county designation map and does not wish to confer upon an unelected regional management entity the ability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

Commissioner Dean Krueger moved for adoption of the foregoing resolution. Commissioners Marlin Bauhard seconded the motion. Roll call vote Yeah: Krueger, Bauhard, Bruning; Nay: None; Absent: None. The chairman declares said resolution adopted this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2021.

Attest: Marie E. Rauner Thayer County Board of Commissioners  
Marie E. Rauner, County Clerk

  
Dave Bruning, Chairman

  
Dean Krueger

  
Marlin Bauhard

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-29**

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING 49-COUNTY NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA**

**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 Republic County 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 will not confer upon an unelected regional management entity the ability to establish or influence land use policy within the boundaries of this county. Signed this 26 day of April, 2021.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF REPUBLIC COUNTY, KANSAS

Melvin Jeardoe  
Melvin Jeardoe – Chairperson

Edwin Splichal  
Edwin Splichal – Member

Doug Garman  
Doug Garman – Member

ATTEST:  
Kathleen L. Marsicek  
Kathleen L. Marsicek  
Republic County Clerk



RESOLUTION #21-11

RESOLUTION OPPOSING 49-COUNTY NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

**Whereas,** Kansas Nebraska Heritage Area Partnership in 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, animals 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 the 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 THERE FOR BE IT RESOLVED:** That Smith County 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 the county.



Attest:

Ashley Maxwell  
Ashley Maxwell, County Clerk

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF SMITH COUNTY, KANSAS

Roger Allen  
Roger Allen, Chairman

Dale E. Pickel  
Dale E. Pickel, Commissioner

Kurt Ifland  
Kurt Ifland, Commissioner

**RESOLUTION #2021 - 16**

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING PROPOSED NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA IN FILLMORE COUNTY, NEBRASKA**

**WHEREAS**, the establishment of a National Heritage Area would adversely affect private property rights by influencing local officials to pass zoning laws not otherwise needed and by altering well established processes for land use regulation.

**WHEREAS**, Congress has designated National Heritage Areas which encompass vast amounts of privately held land in order to highlight specific areas of interest. Citizens of Fillmore 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**, 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, Nature's Conservancy, 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.

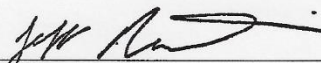
**WHEREAS**, The United States of America can no longer afford to borrow money to engage in endless expansion of dependency and regulation by the federal government, and each of the 49 National Heritage Areas in existence today started out with sunset dates that were never enforced, resulting in chronic dependence rather than free market activity.

**WHEREAS**, a fundamental interdependence exists between individual liberty and the ability to own property, and the citizens of Fillmore 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.

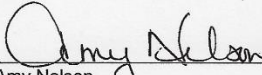
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Fillmore County Board of Supervisors opposes the National Heritage Area Designation proposed for Nebraska and does not wish to confer upon an unelected regional management entity, the ability to establish land use policy within the boundaries of Fillmore County, Nebraska.


Adopted this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021.

FILLMORE COUNTY, NEBRASKA

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Jeff Neiman, Chairman  
Fillmore County Board of Supervisors

Attest:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Amy Nelson  
Fillmore County Clerk



**RESOLUTION NO. 21-11**  
**RESOLUTION OPPOSING 49-COUNTY NATIONAL HERITAGE  
AREA IN TREGO COUNTY, KANSAS**

**Whereas;** The establishment of a National Heritage Area would adversely affect private property rights by influencing local officials to pass zoning laws not otherwise needed and by altering well established processes for land use regulation.

**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 Trego 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,** 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, Nature's Conservancy, 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 United States can no longer afford to borrow money to engage in endless expansion of dependency and regulation by the federal government and each of the 49 National Heritage Areas in existence today started out with sunset dates 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 Trego 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:** the Trego County Board of Commissioners opposes the National Heritage Area designation proposed for Nebraska and Kansas and does not wish to confer upon an unelected regional management entity, the ability to establish land use policy within the boundaries of Trego County, Kansas.

Adopted this 30<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.



Attest:

Lori Augustine  
Lori Augustine  
Trego County Clerk

Trego County, Kansas

Jared Hager  
Jared Hager, Chairman

Calvin J Pfannenstiel Jr  
Calvin J Pfannenstiel Jr, Member

Jerry White  
Jerry White, Member

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021R04**

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING PROPOSED  
KANSAS NEBRASKA HERITAGE AREA PARTNERSHIP**


**WHEREAS**, a non-elected self-appointed board is proposing to declare all of Ellsworth County, Kansas as part of 49 counties (26 in Kansas, 23 in Nebraska) for national designation as a National Heritage Area. The designated area would be called "Kansas Nebraska Heritage Area Partnership" and could be established without consent or agreement by local landowners and/or local government. 5-

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**; the majority of the Ellsworth County, Kansas Commissioners oppose the Kansas Nebraska Heritage Partnership designation as proposed and do not wish to have Ellsworth County, Kansas included in the proposed National Heritage Area Partnership.

**PASS AND ADOPTED BY** the Board of County Commissioners of Ellsworth County, Kansas this 3 day of May, 2021.

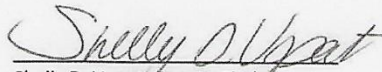
**BE IT SO RESOLVED.**

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF ELLSWORTH COUNTY, KANSAS**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Stephen S. Dlabal, Jr., Commissioner

  
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Dennis Rolfs, Commissioner

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Gregory Bender, Commissioner

  
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Shelly D. Vopat, County Clerk





Resolution No: R-2021-09

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF  
ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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 of 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 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ELLIS COUNTY, KANSAS, opposes the National Heritage 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.

ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Ellis County, Kansas, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2021



Attest:

Bobbi L. Dreiling  
Bobbi L. Dreiling, County Clerk

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
ELLIS COUNTY, KANSAS

Robert (Butch) Schlyer  
Robert (Butch) Schlyer, Chair

Dean F. Haselhorst  
Dean F. Haselhorst

Neal Younger  
Neal Younger

**RESOLUTION #2021-06**

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING GRAHAM COUNTY'S INCLUSION  
IN NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA**

WHEREAS, Kansas Nebraska Heritage Area Partnership is studying a National Heritage Area designation encompassing 49 counties;

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

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 of a National Heritage Area in order to leverage federal and local matching funds based upon private property, without owner knowledge or consent, may be a violation of private property rights;

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 we oppose the inclusion of this County within the 49-County National Heritage Area aforementioned and do 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.

This Resolution was approved and adopted this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF GRAHAM COUNTY, KANSAS

Mark Fabricius  
Mark Fabricius, Commissioner

Jason Nelson  
Jason Nelson, Commissioner

Troy Tremblay  
Troy Tremblay, Commissioner

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Jana Irby  
Jana Irby, County Clerk

5-4-21

RESOLUTION OPPOSING 49-COUNTY NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

**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, equaling 22,906,880 acres) 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;

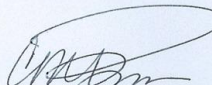
**Whereas**, A National Heritage Area designation invites interference in local affairs by special interest groups who claim to be stakeholders, such as the National Park Service, animal rights activists and environmental groups who do not have the historical perspective or deeply felt stewardship responsibility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

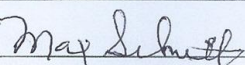
**Whereas**, the establishment a National Heritage Area in order to leverage federal and local matching funds based upon private property, without owner knowledge or consent, illustrates a violation of private property rights; The United States can no longer afford to borrow money to engage in endless 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 \_\_\_\_\_ 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.

*Harlan County Board of Supervisors*

Signed  CHAIRMAN

Signed  M.G.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021 - 11

RESOLUTION OPPOSING PROPOSED  
KANSAS NEBRASKA HERITAGE AREA PARTNERSHIP

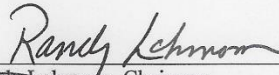
WHEREAS, a non-elected self-appointed board is proposing to declare all of Lincoln County, Kansas as part of 49 counties (26 in Kansas, 23 in Nebraska) for national designation as a National Heritage Area. The designated area would be called "Kansas Nebraska Heritage Area Partnership" and could be established without consent or agreement by local landowners and/or local government,

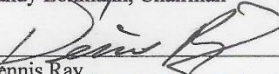
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; the majority of the Lincoln County, Kansas Commissioners oppose the Kansas Nebraska Heritage Partnership designation as proposed and do not wish to have Lincoln County, Kansas included in the proposed National Heritage Area Partnership.

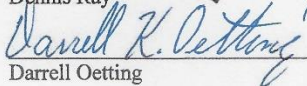
PASS AND ADOPTED BY the Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County, Kansas this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021.

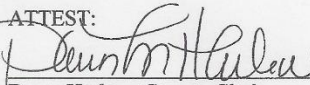
BE IT SO RESOLVED.

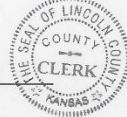
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LINCOLN COUNTY, KANSAS

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Randy Lehmann, Chairman

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Dennis Ray

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Darrell Oetting

ATTEST:  
  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Dawn Harlow, County Clerk



Resolution No. 2021- R6

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING 49-COUNTY NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA**

**WHEREAS**, the 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 of 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.

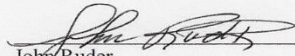
**WHEREAS**, A fundamental interdependence exists between individual liberty and the ability to own property, the citizens of this county are very concerned that a National Heritage Area designation would deprive landowners of their ability to use and enjoy their property as they see fit;

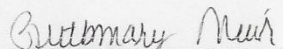
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That Rooks County hereby opposes the National Heritage Area designation of the 49-county region aforementioned; and likewise opposes the inclusion of Rooks County, Kansas within the 49-county designation map and will not confer upon an unelected regional management entity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

Signed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021, by the Board of Rooks County Commissioners, Rooks County, Kansas.


BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF ROOKS COUNTY, KANSAS

ATTEST:

  
John Ruder

  
Ruthmary Muir, Rooks County Clerk



  
Greg Balthazor

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-02  
RESOLUTION OPPOSING PROPOSED KANSAS NEBRASKA AREA HERITAGE AREA

WHEREAS; The establishment of the National Heritage Areas would adversely affect Private property rights by influencing local officials to pass zoning laws not otherwise needed and by altering well established processes for land use regulation.

AND WHEREAS; Congress has designated National Heritage Areas which encompass vast amounts of privately held land in order to highlight specific areas of interest. Citizens of Osborne 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.

AND WHEREAS; A National Heritage Area Designated Nations incites interference in local affairs by special interest groups who claim to be stake holders, such as the National Park Service, the Nature Conservancy, 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.

AND WHEREAS; The United States of America can no longer afford to borrow money to engage in endless expansion of dependency regulation by the federal government. Each of the 49 national Heritage areas in existence today started out with sunset dates that were never enforced, resulting in chronic dependence rather than free market activity.

AND WHEREAS; A fundamental interdependence exists between individual liberty and the ability to own property, and the citizens of Osborne 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, the Osborne County Board of Commissioners opposes the Kansas Nebraska National Heritage Area Designation proposed for Kansas and Nebraska, a/k/a The O'Pioneers NHA and does not wish to confer upon an unelected regional management entity, the ability to establish land use policy within the boundaries of Osborne County.

Adopted this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

*Joseph C. Berg*  
*Wayne D. Dill*  
*C. W. Seaman*

ATTESTED BY:

County Clerk

*Heather Nichole Bergel*





**RESOLUTION 2021-13: OPPOSING 49-COUNTY NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA**

**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;

**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 Cloud County 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

**ADOPTED** this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS**



ATTEST:

Sheila Norman  
County Clerk

Gary Caspers  
Chairman

Arndt  
Member

Ron Copple  
Member

**RESOLUTION** \_\_\_\_\_

**Whereas**, This board understands that the Kansas Nebraska Heritage Area Partnership is pursuing a National Heritage Area designation encompassing 49 counties, including Nuckolls County;

**Whereas**, Congress has designated National Heritage Areas which encompass vast amounts of privately held land in order to highlight areas of specific interest. The Board of Commissioners 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 inclusion of Nuckolls County in a National Heritage Area could adversely influence local officials to pass zoning laws not otherwise needed in order to accommodate a National Heritage Area Management Plan thereby altering well-established processes for land use regulation;

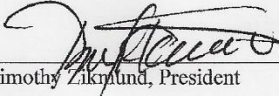
**Whereas**, A National Heritage Area designation invites interference in local affairs by special interest groups who claim to be stakeholders;

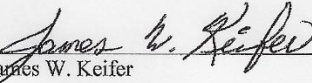
**Whereas**, fundamental interdependence exists between individual liberty and the ability to own property, the Nuckolls County Board of Commissioners are very concerned that a National Heritage Area designation would deprive landowners of their ability to use and enjoy their property as they see fit;

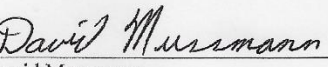
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Nuckolls County Board of Commissioners opposes any Heritage Area Designation in Nuckolls County, and likewise opposes the inclusion of this county within any Heritage Area, and does not wish to confer upon an unelected regional management entity the ability to establish or influence land use policy within the boundaries of this county.

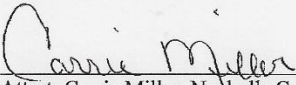
Adopted this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
NUCKOLLS COUNTY, NEBRASKA

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Timothy Zikmund, President

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
James W. Keifer

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
David Mussmann

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Attest: Carrie Miller, Nuckolls County Clerk

**Resolution 2021-07**  
**A Resolution opposing a National Heritage Area in Norton 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 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 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 of 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 exist 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 Norton 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.

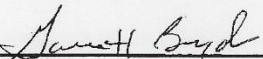
Passed by the Board of Commissioners of Norton County, Kansas this 17<sup>th</sup>, day of May, 2021.

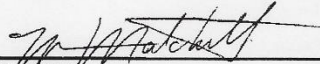
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**Board of Commissioners**

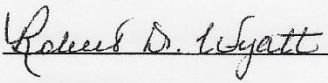
**Norton County, Kansas**

  
Chairman

  
Member

  
Member

Attest:

  
County Clerk



RESOLUTION NO. 2021-35

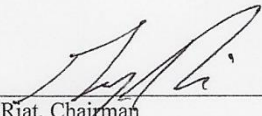
**RESOLUTION OPPOSING A KANSAS-NEBRASKA NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA**

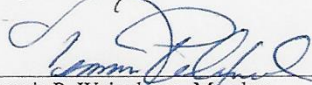
WHEREAS, the Kansas Nebraska Heritage Area Partnership is pursuing a National Heritage Area designation for an area in Kansas and Nebraska, which proposed area would include Pottawatomie County, Kansas, and

WHEREAS, a National Heritage Area designation has the potential to interfere with local governance and local affairs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Pottawatomie County, Kansas, does hereby oppose the establishment or designation of a Kansas Nebraska National Heritage Area, and does further oppose the inclusion of Pottawatomie County, Kansas, in any Kansas Nebraska National Heritage Area.

Dated this 24<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021.

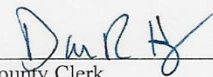
  
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Greg Riat, Chairman

  
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Dennis P. Weixelman, Member

  
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Deloyce McKee, Member



Attest:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk

**JEFFERSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA RESOLUTION NUMBER 2021-14**

**OPPOSING 49-COUNTY NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA DESIGNATION**

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 Jefferson 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 private property, the citizens of Jefferson 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 Jefferson County Nebraska 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.

Signed Absent  
Michael T. Dux, Chairman

Signed Gale Pohlmann  
Gale Pohlmann, Vice Chairman

Signed Mark Schoenrock  
Mark Schoenrock, Commissioner

ATTEST:  
Kristina Riggle  
Kristina Riggle, Jefferson County Clerk



**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF DICKINSON COUNTY, KANSAS**

RESOLUTION # 05 27 21

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE INCLUSION OF DICKINSON COUNTY WITHIN THE  
NATIONAL HERITAGE AREAS DESIGNATED REGION.

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

**WHEREAS**, Congress has designated the 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 the 49-county National Heritage Area would adversely influence local officials to pass zoning laws not otherwise needed in order to accommodate a National Area 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, deeply felt stewardship and responsibility of owners who have worked the land over several generations;

**WHEREAS**, the establishment of 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 at National Heritage Area designation would deprive landowners of the ability to use and enjoy their property as they see fit;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Board of Dickinson County Commissioners hereby opposes the National Heritage Area designation of the 49-county region aforementioned; and likewise opposes the inclusion of Dickinson County, Kansas





RESOLUTION 21-09

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING PROPOSED  
KANSAS NEBRASKA HERITAGE AREA PARTNERSHIP

**WHEREAS;** A non-elected self-appointed board, is proposing to declare all of Jewell County as part of 49 counties (26 in Kansas, 23 in Nebraska) as a National Heritage Area for national designation. The designated area would be called "Kansas Nebraska Heritage Area Partnership" and be established without consent or agreement by local landowners or local government.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED;** the majority of the Jewell County Commissioners oppose the Kansas Nebraska Heritage Partnership designation as proposed and do not wish to have Jewell County included in the proposed National Heritage Area Partnership.

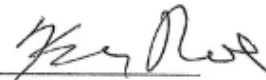

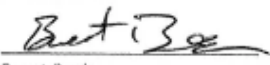
PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE Board of County Commissioners of Jewell County, Kansas this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2021.

ATTEST:



  
Carla J. Waugh  
Jewell County Clerk

JEWELL COUNTY BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

  
Keith Roe, Chairman  
  
Steve Greene  
  
Brent Beck

RESOLUTION NO. 21- 24

**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.

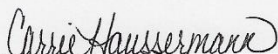
**Whereas**, A fundamental interdependence exists between individual liberty and the ability to own property, the citizens of this county are very concerned that a National Heritage Area designation would deprive landowners of their ability to use and enjoy their property as they see fit;

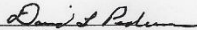
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That Franklin County, Nebraska opposes the National Heritage Area designation of the 49-county region aforementioned, and likewise opposes the inclusion of this county within the 49-county designation map and does not wish to confer upon an unelected regional management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

Passed and approved this 1st day of June, 2021.

THE COUNTY OF FRANKLIN, NEBRASKA,

Signed, sealed and delivered  
In presence of

  
Carrie Haussermann.

By:   
David Pedersen, Chairman,  
County Board of Supervisors  
of Franklin, County, Nebraska.



STATE OF NEBRASKA )  
 )ss.  
FRANKLIN COUNTY )

On this 1st day of June 2021, before me the undersigned, County Clerk in and for said County personally came David Pedersen, Chairman of the County Board of Supervisors of Franklin County, Nebraska, to me personally know to be such Chairman, and the identical person whose name is affixed to the above resolution and acknowledged the execution thereof to be his voluntary act and deed of the said County of Franklin, Nebraska, and that the official seal of said County of Franklin, Nebraska, was thereto affixed by its authority.

Witness my hand and official seal at Franklin in said County the day and year last above written.

(SEAL)



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marcia Volk Schenker".

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Marcia Volk Schenker, County Clerk.

**RESOLUTION 21-06**

**MITCHELL COUNTY, KANSAS  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

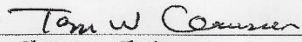
**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PROPOSED KANSAS NEBRASKA  
HERITAGE AREA PARTNERSHIP**

**WHEREAS**, a non-elected self-appointed board is proposing to declare all of Mitchell County, Kansas, as part of forty-nine (49) counties (twenty-six (26) in Kansas and twenty-three (23) in Nebraska) as a National Heritage Area for national designation. The designated area would be called the "Kansas Nebraska Heritage Area Partnership" and be established without consent or agreement by local landowners or local government.


**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**; the Mitchell County Commissioners oppose the National Heritage Area designation and do not wish to have Mitchell County, Kansas, included in the proposed Kansas Nebraska Heritage Area Partnership.

Adopted by the Board of County Commissioners, Mitchell County, Kansas, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021.


**MITCHELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**


  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Tom Claussen, Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jim Marshal

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mike Cooper

Attest:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mitchell County Clerk



RESOLUTION OPPOSING 49-COUNTY NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

**RESOLUTION 21-12**

**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 21-12 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.

RESOLUTION OPPOSING 49-COUNTY NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

After discussion, Commissioner Streefer moved for the adoption of the aforesaid resolution No. 21-12 as set forth above, which motion was seconded by Commissioner Cruise and said resolution 21-12 was adopted upon a roll call vote of the Phelps County Board of Commissioners with the following Commissioners voting yes:

<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>
<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>
<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>

and the following Commissioners voting no:

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\_\_\_\_\_

I, Sally Fox, the Clerk of Phelps County, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is at true and correct copy of the proceedings in Resolution 21 -12 passed by the Phelps County Board of Commissioners on **June 8, 2021**. Furthermore, that the above-recorded vote is an accurate reflection of how each of the members of the Board of Commissioners voted on this particular resolution and is further evidenced by their signatures affixed thereto.

Dated: June 8, 2021

[Signature]  
Sally Fox, Phelps County Clerk



**RESOLUTION OPPOSING PROPOSED KANSAS NEBRASKA  
NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA**

WHEREAS; The Kansas Nebraska Heritage Area Partnership is pursuing a National Heritage Area Designation encompassing 49 counties (26 in Kansas and 23 in Nebraska equaling 35, 792 square miles with a population of 650,000; and

WHEREAS; The establishment of a 49 county National Heritage Area would adversely affect private property rights by influencing local officials to pass zoning laws or legislation not otherwise needed 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; and

WHEREAS; Individuals developing the required National Heritage Area Management Plan must ensure the management plan complies with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other federal environmental protection laws; and

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, Nature's Conservancy, 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; and

WHEREAS; The establishment of 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 of America can no longer afford to borrow money to engage in endless expansion of dependency and regulation by the federal government and each of the 55 National Heritage Areas in existence today started out with sunset dates that were never enforced, resulting in chronic dependence rather than free market activity; and

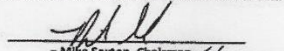
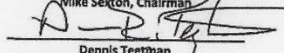
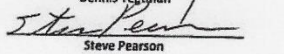
WHEREAS; An unelected regional management entity has been identified to oversee and facilitate designation of a National Heritage Area which includes this County and all properties within the boundaries of this County; and

WHEREAS; A fundamental interdependence exists between individual liberty and the ability to own property, and the citizens of Furnas 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 Furnas County Board of County Commissioners opposes the National Heritage Area Designation 49 county region aforementioned, and likewise opposes the inclusion of this county within the 40-county designation map. Further, this Board does not wish to confer to an unelected regional management entity the ability to establish or influence land use policy within the boundaries of this county.

Adopted this 8 day of JUNE, 2021.

FURNAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

  
Mike Sexton, Chairman  
  
Dennis Tegtham  
  
Steve Pearson



RESOLUTION NO. 11-2021

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

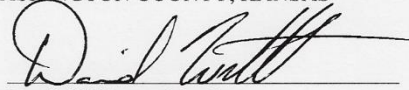
WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Kansas deems it necessary to express support of personal property rights.

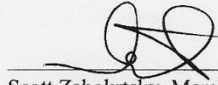
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Kansas, that the County of Washington, Kansas is opposed to any federal, state, or local legislation or initiatives or federal, state, or locally funded programs or partnerships that may affect personal property rights.

This Resolution was approved and adopted this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, KANSAS

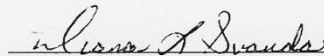
  
Raleigh Ordoyno, Chairperson

  
David Willbrant, Member

  
Scott Zabokrtsky, Member

Attest:



  
Diana Svanda, County Clerk

STATE OF NEBRASKA  
COUNTY OF RED WILLOW

At a regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners for Red Willow, Nebraska, held at the Red Willow County Courthouse on June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021, there were present:

Earl McNutt, Cayla Richards, and Randy Dean

RESOLUTION NO. 1423

RESOLUTION OPPOSING 49-COUNTY NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

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 country 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 Red Willow County Commissioners oppose the National Heritage Area designation of the 49-county region aforementioned, and likewise oppose the inclusion of the county within the 49-county designation map and do not wish to confer upon an unelected regional management entity the ability to establish or influence land use policy within the boundaries of Red Willow County, Nebraska.

DATED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF RED WILLOW COUNTY, STATE OF NEBRASKA

Upon motion duly made and seconded the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Commissioners:

By: Earl McNutt  
Earl McNutt, Chairman

By: Cayla Richards  
Cayla Richards

By: Randy Dean  
Randy Dean

ATTEST: Tami Teel

Tami Teel  
Red Willow County Clerk

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF CLAY COUNTY, KANSAS

RESOLUTION 2021- /1

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE INCLUSION OF CLAY COUNTY WITHIN THE  
NATIONAL HERITAGE AREAS DESIGNATED REGION.

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

**WHEREAS**, Congress has designated the 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 the 39-county National Heritage Area would adversely influence local officials to pass zoning laws not otherwise needed in order to accommodate a National Area 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, deeply felt stewardship and responsibility of owners who have worked the land over several generations;

**WHEREAS**, the establishment of 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 the ability to use and enjoy their property as they see fit;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Board of clay county Commissioners hereby opposes the National Heritage Area designation of the 49-county region aforementioned; and likewise opposed the inclusion of Clay County, Kansas with the 39-county designation map and will not confer upon an unelected regional management entity the ability to establish or influence land use policy within the boundaries of this county.

PASSED THIS 21<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2021 BY THE CLAY COUNTY, KANSAS COMMISSIONERS:



Eric A. Carlson

Eric A. Carlson, Chairman

Jerry F. Mayo

Jerry F. Mayo, Member

David M. Thurlow

David M. Thurlow, Member

ATTEST:

Kayla Wang  
Kayla Wang, Clay County Clerk

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
HALL COUNTY, NEBRASKA**

**RESOLUTION #21- 021**

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING INCLUDING HALL COUNTY WITHIN THE  
PROPOSED KANSAS NEBRASKA NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Hall ("Hall County") is a legal and political subdivision of the state of Nebraska for which the Hall County Board of Commissioners ("County Board") is authorized to act; and

**WHEREAS**, the Kansas Nebraska Heritage Area Partnership ("KNHAP") is pursuing a National Heritage Area Designation encompassing 49 counties, (26 in Kansas and 23 in Nebraska equaling 35,792 square miles) with a population of 650,000; and

**WHEREAS**, Hall County is included within the proposed 49 county area being considered by KNHAP;

**WHEREAS**, the establishment of a 49 county National Heritage Area would adversely affect private property rights by influencing local officials to pass zoning laws or legislation not otherwise needed 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; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals developing the required National Heritage Area Management Plan must ensure the management plan complies with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other federal environmental protection laws; and

**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, conservation agencies, 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; and

**WHEREAS**, the establishment of a National Heritage Area 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 of America can no longer afford to borrow money to engage in endless expansion of dependency and regulation by the federal government and each of the 55 National Heritage Areas in existence today started out with sunset dates that were never enforced, resulting in chronic dependence rather than free market activity; and

**WHEREAS**, an unelected regional management entity has been identified to oversee and facilitate designation of a National Heritage Area which includes Hall County and all properties within its boundaries; and

**WHEREAS**, a fundamental interdependence exists between individual liberty and the ability to own property, and the citizens of Hall 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 Hall County Board of County Commissioners opposes the inclusion of Hall County within the 49 county National Heritage Area Designation region aforementioned, and likewise opposes the inclusion of Hall County within the 40-county designation map. Further, the Hall County Board does not wish to confer to an unelected regional management entity the ability to establish or influence land use policy within the boundaries of Hall County.

Resolution moved by Commissioner Karen Bredthauer

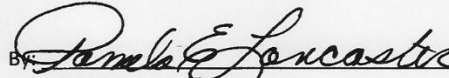
Seconded by Commissioner Gary Quandt.

Vote:

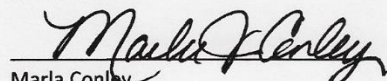
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PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 22<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF June, 2021.

HALL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By:   
Pamela E. Lancaster  
Chair, Hall County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

  
Marla Conley  
Hall County Clerk

Prepared by: Sarah Carstensen, Deputy Hall County Attorney

RESOLUTION #2021-20  
OPPOSING 49-COUNTY NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

**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;

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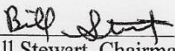
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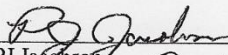
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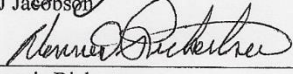
**Whereas**, A fundamental interdependence exists between individual liberty and the ability to own property, the citizens of this county are very concerned that a National Heritage Area designation would deprive landowners of their ability to use and enjoy their property as they see fit;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That Dawson County opposes the National Heritage Area designation of 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.


DAWSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

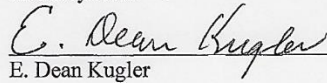
  
Bill Stewart, Chairman

  
PJ Jacobson

  
Dennis Rickertsen



  
Rod Reynolds

  
E. Dean Kugler

ATTEST:

  
Karla Zlatkovsky, Dawson County Clerk

Placed on file by board  
action on 6-30 2021  
Dawn Hill  
Gage County Clerk

**RESOLUTION #21-11 OPPOSING 49-COUNTY  
NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA**

**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;

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**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 Gage County 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.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Byars to adopt the foregoing Resolution.

All members present as listed and voted as follows:

Yea:

Gregg Pyle  
[Signature]  
[Signature]  
Emily M. Huxby  
Dennis M. Byars  
[Signature]  
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Nay:

Don Schuller  
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[Signature]  
Chairman

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021.

Deputy Micreile K. Bloomquist  
Gage County Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 2021- 24

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
FRONTIER COUNTY, NEBRASKA

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 of 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 provision for NHAs that were never enforced, resulting in chronic dependency rather than free market activity;

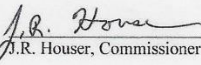
WHEREAS, A fundamental interdependence exists between individual liberty and the ability to own property, the citizens of this county are very concerned that a National Heritage Area designation would deprive landowners of their ability to use and enjoy their property as they see fit;

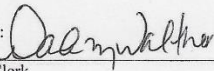
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Commissioners of Frontier County, Nebraska, that Resolution No. 21- 24 opposes the National Heritage Area designation of the 49-county region aforementioned, and likewise opposes the inclusion of this county within the 49-county designation map and does not wish to confer upon an unelected regional management entity the ability to establish or influence land use policy within the boundaries of this county.

Passed and approved this 30th day of June, 2021.

  
Steve Hall, Chairman

  
Kevin Owens, Commissioner

  
J.R. Houser, Commissioner

ATTEST:   
County Clerk

(SEAL)



ADAMS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2021-07-06.01

RELATING TO OPOSITION TO THE 49-COUNTY

NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

BE IT RESOLVED, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021, the Adams County Board of Commissioners hereby makes the following resolution in opposition to the 49-county National Heritage Area:

**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;

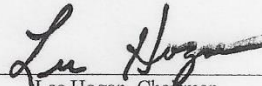
**Whereas**, A National Heritage Area designation invites interference in local affairs by special interest groups who claim to be stakeholders, such as the National Park Service, animal rights activists and environmental groups who do not have the historical perspective or deeply felt stewardship responsibility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

**Whereas**, the establishment of 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 NHIAs 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 Adams County Board of Commissioners 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.

ENACTED this 6<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021.

  
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Lee Hogan, Chairman

ATTESTED BY:



  
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Ramona Thomas, County Clerk

KEARNEY COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 21- 0018

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE KANSAS NEBRASKA HERITAGE AREA PARTNERSHIP**

**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 opposed 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 Kearney County, Nebraska 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.

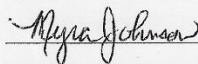
Passed and approved this 6<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021.

THE COUNTY OF KEARNEY, NEBRASKA

By: 

Brent Stewart, Chairman

Attest



Myra Johnson, Kearney County Clerk



**RESOLUTION 2021-40**

**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;

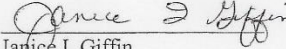
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That Buffalo County opposes the National Heritage Area designation of the 49-county region aforementioned, and likewise opposes the inclusion of this county within the 49-county designation map and does not wish to confer upon an unelected regional management entity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

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 13TH DAY OF JULY, 2021.

ATTEST:

  
William McMullen, Chairperson  
Buffalo County Board of Commissioners



  
Janice I. Giffin  
Buffalo County Clerk



**RESOLUTION # 3614 OF THE  
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Whereas, Congress has designated National Heritage Areas which encompass vast amounts of privately held land in order to highlight specific areas of interest. Citizens of Seward 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 National Heritage Area would adversely affect private property rights by influencing local officials to pass zoning laws not otherwise needed and by 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, Nature's Conservancy, 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, A fundamental interdependence exists between individual liberty and the ability to own property, and the citizens of Seward 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, the Seward County Board of Commissioners opposes the National Heritage Area designation proposed for Nebraska and does not wish to confer upon an unelected regional management entity, the ability to establish land use policy within the boundaries Seward County, Nebraska.

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July 2021.

MOTION BY: Misty Ahmic

SECONDED BY: Darrell Zabrocki

VOTING AYE

VOTING NAY

Misty Ahmic  
Darrell Zabrocki  
Ken Edmunds

Robert Voth  
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John K. Cole  
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ATTEST: Sherry Schweitzer  
Seward County Clerk



3614

Board of Commissioners  
Webster County, Nebraska



Webster County  
Courthouse  
821 North Cedar  
Red Cloud, NE 68870

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District One

Trevor Karr  
District Two

TJ Vance  
District Three

Tim Gilbert  
District Four

Gary Ratzlaff  
District Five

Louise Petsch  
County Clerk  
402-748-2716



RESOLUTION 30 - 2021

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 their land over several generations.

WHEREAS, the establishment of 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 Webster County 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 the county. Motion by Shipman 2<sup>nd</sup> by Karr to oppose and sign this document.

Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021 by the Chairman and Commissioners of Webster County.

*[Signatures of Commissioners]*

ATTEST: Louise Petsch  
Louise Petsch, Webster County Clerk



**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 any designations that would abridge the rights of any property owner; require any property owner to permit public access to the property; alter land use regulation; or diminish the authority of the state to manage fish and wildlife, including the regulation of fishing and hunting within the National Heritage Area.

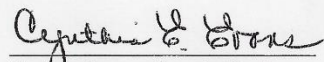
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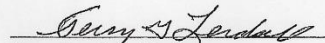
**WHEREAS**, the establishment a National Heritage Area in order to leverage federal and local matching funds based upon private property, illustrates a violation of private property rights;

**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 Gosper County 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 AND APPROVED THIS <sup>th</sup>26 DAY OF July, 2021

  
Cynthia Evans, County Clerk

  
Terry Lerdall, Chairman



RESOLUTION #21-2340

RESOLUTION OPPOSING INCLUSION OF SALINE COUNTY IN  
NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

WHEREAS, Congress has designated National Heritage Areas which encompass vast amounts of privately held land in order to highlight areas of specific interest; and

WHEREAS, the Kansas Nebraska Heritage Area Partnership is pursuing National Heritage Area designation for an area which encompasses 49 counties within Kansas and Nebraska, including Saline County; and

WHEREAS, establishment of a National Heritage Area has the potential to influence local officials in their land use decisions to accommodate the needs of the Management Plan for the National Heritage Area; and

WHEREAS, a National Heritage Area designation may invite increased outside influences in local affairs by special interest groups who do not have the historical perspective, stewardship and responsibility of land owners; and

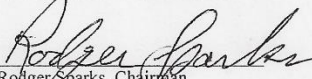
WHEREAS, Saline County is firmly committed to the principle that local affairs should be governed by the interest of the local community rather than arbitrary national considerations,

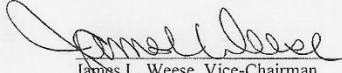
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Saline County, Kansas, as follows:

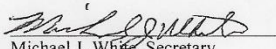
1. That the Board of County Commissioners is opposed to inclusion of Saline County in any National Heritage Area.
2. That staff is hereby directed to send copies of this Resolution to any interested parties.

ADOPTED this 10th day of August, 2021, by the Board of County Commissioners, Saline County, Kansas.


BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SALINE COUNTY, KANSAS

  
Rodger Sparks, Chairman

  
James L. Weese, Vice-Chairman

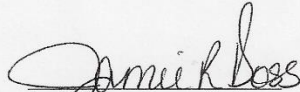
  
Michael J. White, Secretary

Monte Shadwick, Commissioner

  
Robert Vidricksen II, Commissioner



ATTEST:

  
Jamie R. Doss, County Clerk

Vote: Yea 5 Nay 0

**RESOLUTION #21-35**

WHEREAS: the York County Board of Commissioners met at their regular meeting on August 24, 2021, and discussed the 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; and;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That York County 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.

**Dated, this 24th day of August, 2021**

Moved by Bamesberger, Seconded by Sikes,

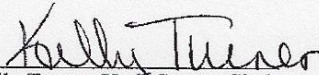
Roll Call: Yeas; Bamesberger, Sikes, Grotz, Bulgrin and Obermier,

Nays, none, Motion carried.

STATE OF NEBRASKA, )  
                                       ) ss:  
 COUNTY OF YORK       )

I, Kelly Turner, County Clerk in and for said County of York, State of Nebraska, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of a certain Resolution passed by the Board of Commissioners of York County, Nebraska, on the 24th day of August, 2021 as the same remains on file and of record in my office.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this 24th day of August,  
 2021

  
 Kelly Turner, York County Clerk  
 York County, Nebraska



PROCLAMATION OF THE  
HAMILTON COUNTY, COMMISSIONERS

Whereas, consideration has been given to the establishment of a National Heritage Area in a 49 County area of South Central Nebraska and North Central Kansas, including Hamilton County, Nebraska, by the Kansas Nebraska Heritage Area Partnership(KNHAP), and

Whereas, the full intent and objective of KNHAP, the expected operating practices and procedures of the proposed heritage area, and the proposed governance structure of the local oversight entity are unknown or unclear at this time, and,

Whereas, a feasibility study has not been completed and input from local citizens, organizations, government entities, and other stakeholders has not yet been requested or considered, and

Whereas, concerns have been expressed by Hamilton County citizens and others over possible infringement on the rights of private landowners, potential interference with local zoning board decisions, possible removal of land from the tax rolls, and a lack of transparency concerning efforts to obtain this designation;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED:** That the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners, while acknowledging the need for and benefit of economic development, does not currently support the efforts of KNHAP in seeking designation of any part of Hamilton County as a National Heritage Area.

Adopted this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2021

VOTING FOR:

VOTING AGAINST:

Bruce G. LeBlanc  
Phil Nelson

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J. W. Thomas

Nancy J. Baker  
Roger Newman

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ATTEST:

Jim Dimes  
HAMILTON COUNTY CLERK

