

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 21ST 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

RESOLUTION NO. 2021 -- 872

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE INCLUSION OF **COFFEY COUNTY WITHIN THE
FREEDOM'S FRONTIER NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA ACT**

WHEREAS, the Freedom Frontier National Heritage Area Act (FFNHA) encompasses 41 counties along the Kansas/Missouri border. The FFNHA includes Coffey County, Kansas;

WHEREAS, the 41 counties along the Kansas/Missouri border have a compelling and tragic story to tell about these two states engaged in their own "Border War" during the nation's conflict between north and south;

WHEREAS, on October 12, 2006, President George W. Bush signed enabling legislation establishing the FFNHA for the conservation, interpretation, funding, management, and development of the heritage area;

WHEREAS, a National Heritage Area is a nationally distinctive landscape shaped by natural, cultural, historic and recreational resources, recognized by U.S. Congress and tells a nationally important story through its geography, its man-made structures, and the traditions that have evolved within the landscape;

WHEREAS, Congress has designated area within the FFNHA to include privately held land located within the borders of Coffey County, Kansas. Local leaders, officials and citizens of Coffey County appreciate efforts and goal of a designated National Heritage Area program and its potential to sustain and preserve local cultural and historical heritage while at the same time encouraging economic development, but oppose blanket designations that put dissenting private landowners in the unreasonable position of having to "opt out" of federally mandated boundaries;

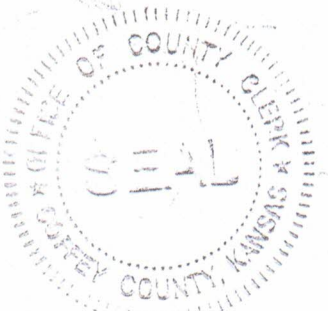
WHEREAS, there is additional local concern that the FFNHA will adversely influence local officials to pass zoning laws not otherwise needed in order to accommodate a National Area Heritage Area Management Plan developed by the National Park Service and approved by the Secretary of the Interior, thereby altering well-established processes for land use regulation;

WHEREAS, the FFNHA also involves the potential for interference in local affairs by special interest groups who claim to be stakeholders but who do not have the historical perspective, deeply felt stewardship and responsibility of owners who have developed and worked the land located within the borders of Coffey County over several generations;

WHEREAS, local leaders, officials and citizens of Coffey County are concerned that the FFNHA local vision, mission and guiding principles have the potential chilling effect of depriving landowners of the ability to use and enjoy their property as they see fit;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Coffey County Commissioners hereby formally opposes inclusion of Coffey County, Kansas within the FFNHA designated National Heritage Area.

ADOPTED this 28st day of June 2021, by the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COFFEY COUNTY, KANSAS.



ATTESTED:

Angie Kirchner by
Angie Kirchner, County Clerk
Denise Humlick
Deputy Clerk

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF COFFEY COUNTY, KANSAS

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Tim Johnson
Tim Johnson, Commissioner

Jesse Knight
Jesse Knight, Commissioner

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LINN COUNTY, KANSAS

RESOLUTION NO. 2021- 24

RESOLUTION OPPOSING PROPOSED KANSAS NEBRASKA NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

WHEREAS, Linn County is a legal and political subdivision of the State of Kansas for which the Board of County Commissioners ("Board") is authorized to act; and

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.

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 Linn 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.

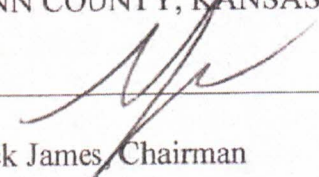
AND WHEREAS; A fundamental interdependence exists between individual liberty and the ability to own property, and the citizens of Linn County are very concerned that a National Heritage Area Designation would deprive landowners of their ability to use and enjoy their property as they see fit.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Linn 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 any other National


Heritage Area Designation for the State of Kansas, and does not wish to confer upon an unelected regional management entity, the ability to establish land use policy within the boundaries of Linn County.

Adopted this 7th day of September 2021.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
LINN COUNTY, KANSAS



Rick James, Chairman



Danny McCullough, Member





Jim Johnson, Member

ATTEST:



DAVID LAMB, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-10

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE INCLUSION OF OSAGE COUNTY WITHIN
THE FREEDOM'S FRONTIER NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA ACT

WHEREAS, the Freedom Frontier National Heritage Area Act (FFNHA) encompasses 41 counties along the Kansas/Missouri border. The FFNHA includes Osage County, Kansas;

WHEREAS, on October 12, 2006, President George W. Bush signed enabling legislation establishing the FFNHA for the conservation, interpretation, funding, management, and development of the heritage area;

WHEREAS, a National Heritage Area is a nationally distinctive landscape shaped by natural, cultural, historic and recreational resources, recognized by U.S. Congress and tells a nationally important story through its geography, its man-made structures, and the traditions that have evolved within the landscape;

WHEREAS, Congress has designated area within the FFNHA to include privately held land located within the borders of Osage County, Kansas. Local leaders, officials and citizens of Osage County appreciate the efforts and goal of a designated National Heritage Area program and its potential to sustain and preserve local, cultural and historical heritage while at the same time encouraging 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, there is additional local concern that the FFNHA will adversely influence local officials to pass zoning laws not otherwise needed in order to

accommodate a National Area Heritage 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;

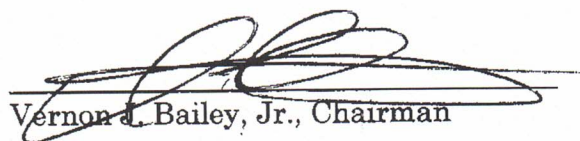
WHEREAS, the FFNHA also involves the potential for interference in local affairs by special interest groups who claim to be stakeholders but who do not have the historical perspective, deeply felt stewardship and responsibility of owners who have developed and worked the land located within the borders of Osage County over several generations;

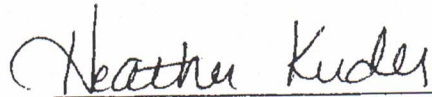
WHEREAS, local leaders, officials and citizens of Osage County are concerned that the FFNHA local vision, mission and guiding principles have the potential chilling effect of depriving landowners of the ability to use and enjoy their property as they see fit;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Osage County Commissioners hereby formally opposes inclusion of Osage County, Kansas within the FFNHA designated National Heritage Area and likewise opposes the inclusion of this county within the 41-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 Osage County.

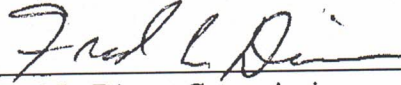
ADOPTED THIS __ day of September 2021, by the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF OSAGE COUNTY, KANSAS.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Vernon L. Bailey, Jr., Chairman

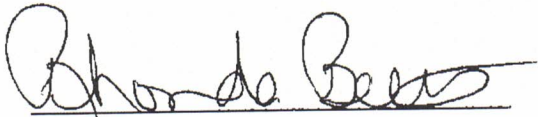


Heather Kuder, Commissioner



Fred L. Diver, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Rhonda Beets
Osage County Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 2021 - 27

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE INCLUSION OF ANDERSON COUNTY WITHIN THE
FREEDOM'S FRONTIER NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA ACT**

WHEREAS, the Freedom Frontier National Heritage Area Act (FFNHA) encompasses 41 counties along the Kansas/Missouri border. The FFNHA includes Anderson County, Kansas;

WHEREAS, the 41 counties along the Kansas/Missouri border have a compelling and tragic story to tell about these two states engaged in their own "Border War" during the nation's conflict between north and south;

WHEREAS, on October 12, 2006, President George W. Bush signed enabling legislation establishing the FFNHA for the conservation, interpretation, funding, management, and development of the heritage area;

WHEREAS, a National Heritage Area is a nationally distinctive landscape shaped by natural, cultural, historic and recreational resources, recognized by U.S. Congress and tells a nationally important story through its geography, its man-made structures, and the traditions that have evolved within the landscape;

WHEREAS, Congress has designated area within the FFNHA to include privately held land located within the borders of Anderson County, Kansas. Local leaders, officials and citizens of Coffey County appreciate efforts and goal of a designated National Heritage Area program and its potential to sustain and preserve local cultural and historical heritage while at the same time encouraging 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, there is additional local concern that the FFNHA will 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, the FFNHA also involves the potential for interference in local affairs by special interest groups who claim to be stakeholders but who do not have the historical perspective, deeply felt stewardship and responsibility of owners who have developed and worked the land located within the borders of Anderson County over several generations;

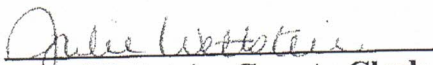
WHEREAS, local leaders, officials and citizens of Anderson County are concerned that the FFNHA local vision, mission and guiding principles have the potential chilling effect of depriving landowners of the ability to use and enjoy their property as they see fit;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Anderson County Commissioners hereby formally opposes inclusion of Anderson County, Kansas within the FFNHA designated National Heritage Area.

ADOPTED this 11th day of October 2021, by the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ANDERSON COUNTY, KANSAS.

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OF ANDERSON COUNTY, KANSAS

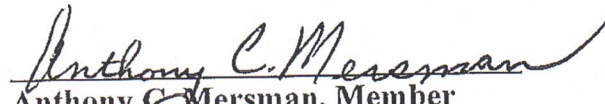
Attest:


Julie Wettstein, County Clerk




Les McGhee, Chairman


David Pracht, Member


Anthony C. Mersman, Member

RESOLUTION NO. 22-04

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE LANDOWNER'S RIGHT TO "OPT OUT" NATIONAL HERITAGE AREAS AND OPPOSING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S "30 X30" LAND PRESERVATION GOAL

WHEREAS, Woodson County is a legal and political subdivision of the State of Kansas for which the Board of County Commissioners ("Board") is authorized to act; and

WHEREAS, Congress has designated National Heritage Areas which encompass vast amount of privately held land in order to highlight specific areas of interest. While the Citizens of Woodson County appreciate efforts to encourage economic development, 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, Citizens of Woodson County oppose blanket designations that put dissenting private landowners in the unreasonable position of having to "opt out" of federally mandated boundaries and interfere with the deeply felt stewardship responsibility of owners who have worked the land over several generations and deprive landowners of their ability to use and enjoy their property as they see fit; and

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2021, President Joseph R. Biden Jr., issued Executive Order 14008 entitled "Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad" (86 Fed. Reg. 7, 619); and

WHEREAS, in Section 216 of Executive Order 14008, President Biden directed the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture and other senior officials to develop a program to conserve at least 30 percent of the lands and waters in the United States by 2030, which is called the "30 X 30" program; and

WHEREAS, under the "30 X 30" program, some 680 millions acres of our Nation's lands would be set aside and permanently preserved in its natural state, preventing the productive use of these lands and their resources; and

WHEREAS, there is no constitutional or statutory authority for the President, the Department of the Interior, the Department of Agriculture, or any other federal agency to set aside and permanently preserve 30 percent of all land and water in the United States, and no such authority is referenced in Executive order 14008; and

WHEREAS, placing private lands into permanent conservation status will cause dramatic and irreversible harm the economies of the Citizens of Woodson County many of the County's businesses and citizens are involved in or otherwise depend on industries that include livestock grazing, oil and gas exploration and production, farming, recreational industries, hunting and fishing and other outdoor recreation.

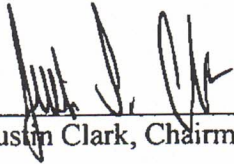
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESLOVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Woodson County, Kansas, as follows:


1. The Board opposes Congressional establishment of a National Heritage Area System, that, along with the establishment of new National Heritage Areas, would include current National Heritage Areas such as Freedom's Frontier, National Heritage Corridor, National Heritage Partnership, etc., for the purpose of creating, reviewing or approving management plans by the Department of the Interior or any other Federal Agency and supports the rights of dissenting private landowners to "opt out" of those Areas
2. The Board opposes Executive Order 14008 and specifically Section 216 of Executive Order 14008 which allows the Secretary of Interior, Secretary of Agriculture and other senior officials, to develop a program to conserve at least 30 percent of the lands and waters in the United States by 2030, called the "30 X 30 program.
3. The Board further opposes the designation of public lands and national forests in Woodson County as wilderness, wilderness study areas, wildlife preserves, open space, or other conservation, thereby restricting public access to such lands and preventing the development and productive use of the resources on or within such lands.
4. The Board recognizes and supports the State of Kansas' water rights system and other state laws and programs governing water rights and water use, and opposes any federal designation of waters and watercourses within the County that would impair or restrict water diversions and uses authorized under Kansas Law.
5. The Board also maintains that any non-federal lands or other rights that are acquired to fulfill the 30 X 30 program's objectives should be acquired only from willing landowners and for the payment of full and fair market value of all rights and interests acquired, and not through regulatory compulsion, and only after analyzing and considering the impacts of such land acquisitions on the well-being, health, safety, welfare, economy, and culture of Woodson County, its businesses, and its citizens.
6. The Board supports the continued private ownership of land in Woodson County, recognizing the Nation's need for domestic sources of minerals, energy, timber, food, fiber etc. and supports the private use of land in support of "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness" in accordance with the principles of the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of Kansas.

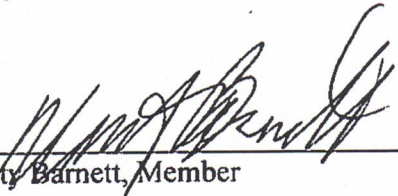
This resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage by the Board.

DATED this _____ day of _____, 2022.


BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WOODSON COUNTY, KANSAS

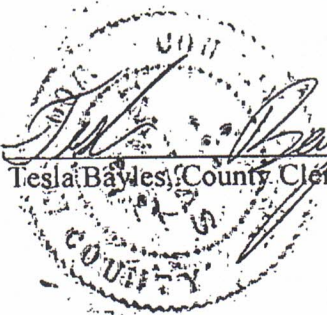

Justin Clark, Chairman


Wayne Faulkner, Vice Chairman


Monty Barnett, Member

ATTEST:


Tesla Bayles, County Clerk



RESOLUTION NO. R-22-G

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE INCLUSION OF NEOSHO COUNTY WITHIN THE
FREEDOM'S FRONTIER NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA ACT**

WHEREAS, the Freedom Frontier National Heritage Area Act (FFNHA) encompasses 41 counties along the Kansas/Missouri border. The FFNHA includes Neosho County, Kansas;

WHEREAS, the 41 counties along the Kansas/Missouri border have a compelling and tragic story to tell about these two states engaged in their own "Border War" during the nation's conflict between north and south;

WHEREAS, on October 12, 2006, President George W. Bush signed enabling legislation establishing the FFNHA for the conservation, interpretation, funding, management, and development of the heritage area;

WHEREAS, a National Heritage Area is nationally distinctive landscape shaped by natural, cultural, historic and recreational resources, recognized by U.S. Congress and tells a nationally important story through its geography, its man-made structures, and the traditions that have evolved within the landscape;

WHEREAS, Congress has designated area within the FFNHA to include privately held land located within the borders of Neosho County, Kansas. Local leaders, officials and citizens of Neosho County appreciate the efforts and goal of a designated National Heritage Area program and its potential to sustain and preserve local cultural and historical heritage while at the same time encouraging 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, there is additional local concern that the FFNHA will 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, the FFNHA also involves the potential for interface in local affairs by special interest groups who claim to be stakeholders but who do not have the historical perspective, deeply felt stewardship and responsibility of owners who have developed and worked the land located within the borders of Neosho County over several generations;

WHEREAS, local leaders, officials and citizens of Neosho County are concerned that the FFNHA local vision, mission and guiding principles have the potential chilling effect of depriving landowners of the ability to use and enjoy their property as they see fit;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Neosho County Commissioners hereby formally opposes inclusion of Neosho County, Kansas within the FFNHA designated National Heritage Area.

Adopted this 19th day of May, 2022, by the Board of County Commissioners
of Neosho County, Kansas

Board of County Commissioners
Of Neosho County, Kansas

Attest:

Heather Elsworth

Heather Elsworth, County Clerk

Gail Klaassen

Gail Klaassen, Chairman

Paul Westhoff

Paul Westhoff, Commissioner

Nicholas Galemore

Nicholas Galemore, Commissioner

