

**RESOLUTION # 2018-12
CHEYENNE COUNTY, COLORADO
A RESOLUTION OPPOSING PROPOSITION 112**

WHEREAS, Colorado is a major energy-producing state, ranked fifth in the nation for natural gas production and seventh in oil production, according to U.S. government data; and

WHEREAS, Colorado is widely recognized as a national leader in developing health, safety and environmental protections; and

WHEREAS, Oil and natural gas development is a critical sector of the Colorado state economy, supporting jobs and supplying locally produced and affordable energy to households and businesses all across the state; and

WHEREAS, A study conducted by the REMI Partnership, a coalition of state business groups, found the setback initiative would eliminate over \$26 billion annually in state GDP, more than \$1 billion in state and local tax revenue per year, and almost 150,000 Colorado jobs by 2030; and

WHEREAS, More than 232,000 jobs in Colorado are supported by oil and natural gas development, equivalent to 6.5 percent of total employment in the state, according to a 2017 study by globally renowned accounting firm PricewaterhouseCoopers; and

WHEREAS, According to the same study, oil and natural gas development in Colorado supports more than \$31 billion in economic activity, equivalent to almost 10 percent of the state's economy; and

WHEREAS, Oil and natural gas development in Colorado generates almost \$1.2 billion in tax revenue, according to a 2015 study by the University of Colorado's Leeds School of Business; and

WHEREAS, The loss of Colorado's energy sector would devastate the state's economy, cripple state and local budgets, and threaten the livelihoods of hundreds of thousands of working families, and

WHEREAS, Anti-oil and gas proposals would dramatically increase the cost of doing business in the State of Colorado, creating a hostile business climate that scares away investment from all sectors of our economy; and


WHEREAS, Out-of-state environmental activist groups are leading a campaign to ban oil and natural gas development in Colorado, showing a total disregard for the devastating economic impacts they will leave behind if they succeed; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 112 is a one-size-fits-all, blunt instrument that would create a *de facto* ban on oil and gas production even in communities that embrace responsible energy development, showing that the proponents of Proposition 112 do not support local control as they claim; and


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Cheyenne County, Colorado, that Cheyenne County declares its opposition to statewide Proposition 112: Setback Requirement for Oil and Gas Development.

ADOPTED this 1st day of October, 2018.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, CHEYENNE COUNTY

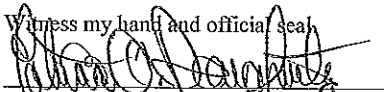

Rod Pelton, Commissioner (aye/nay)


Nancy Bogenhagen, Commissioner (aye/nay)


Patrick J. Ward, Commissioner (aye/nay)

**STATE OF COLORADO)
COUNTY OF CHEYENNE) SS**

The forgoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 1st day of October, 2018 by Commissioners Rod Pelton, Nancy Bogenhagen and Patrick J. Ward in Cheyenne County, Colorado.

Witness my hand and official seal

Patricia A. Daugherty, Clerk to the Board