



# LINCOLN COUNTY MONTANA

## Resolution 2018-05

### DECLARATION OF OPPOSITION TO I-186

#### THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR LINCOLN COUNTY, MONTANA FINDS:

1. Montana is home to some of the most stringent mining permit requirements in the world;
2. At least 37 new state and federal laws have been enacted over the past three decades that ensure mining operations are strictly regulated and operated responsibly;
3. Montana has enjoyed a balance between agriculture, industry, outdoor recreation, and environmental protection;
4. The mining industry has created thousands of good-paying jobs to support generations of Montana families so they can remain in our state;
5. Individuals, businesses, and communities across Montana rely on the economic activity generated by our mining industry;
6. The mining industry delivers \$42 million annually in state and local tax revenue that support our schools, repair our roads, pay our teachers, and provide first responders with the tools they need to keep our residents safe;
7. The legal review of I-186 conducted by Montana Legislative Services revealed several ambiguous and confusing sections, undefined or ill-defined terms, and conflicting legal standards that would promote litigation and prevent mining in Montana;

#### THE BOARD RESOLVES:

That Lincoln County strongly opposes I-186, the unnecessary changes it would make to Montana's existing permitting structure and the negative impact it would have on mining operations in our state.

#### THE BOARD FURTHER RESOLVES:

1. If a provision of this resolution conflicts with a provision of a previously adopted



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resolution, this resolution will prevail.

2. This resolution and its various sections, clauses and paragraphs are severable. If any part, sentence, clause or phrase is adjudged to be unconstitutional or invalid, the remainder of the resolution will not be affected.
3. This resolution will be effective immediately upon adoption, in accordance with § 7-5-123, MCA.
4. This Board directs that this resolution be entered into the minutes and signed by the Chair of the Board in accordance with § 7-5-121, MCA.

## END OF RESOLUTION

Approved as to Form:

  
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Marcia Boris, County Attorney

Date presented to the Board May 16, 2018 Approved (  ) Disapproved (  ) Amended (  )

Adopted this 16th day of May 2018.

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

  
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Mike Cole, Chair

ATTEST:

  
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Robin A. Benson, Clerk of the Board