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STATE OF MONTANA LINCOLN COUNTY

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FOR: LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS 512 CALIFORNIA AVE,

RESOLUTION 2024-27

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING UTAH v. UNITED STATES LEGAL ACTION UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT DOCKET NO. 220160

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

WHEREAS, after decades of legal analysis and attempts to seek relief through other means, the State of Utah filed a landmark public lands lawsuit on August 20, 2024, asking the U.S. Supreme Court to address whether the federal government can constitutionally hold unappropriated lands within a state indefinitely;

WHEREAS, the scope of Utah's lawsuit applies only to the federally held land that is "unappropriated", meaning that the United States simply holds the land without any designated purpose;

WHEREAS, the scope of Utah's lawsuit DOES NOT INCLUDE appropriated public land designated as national parks, national monuments, wilderness areas, national forests, tribal lands, or military properties.

WHEREAS, the scope of Utah's lawsuit is specific to the 18.5 million acres of unappropriated land within Utah administered by the United States Bureau of Land Management (BLM), it is imperative that the Court answer the vital legal questions in this case as they inherently apply to all of the 245 million acres of unappropriated land administered by the BLM in 11 western states, Alaska, the Dakotas, and the few eastern states as well.

THEREFORE, THE BOARD RESOLVES:

Lincoln County, in the State of Montana hereby supports Utah's legal action.





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THE BOARD FURTHER RESOLVES:

1. If a provision of this resolution conflicts with a provision of a previously adopted resolution, this resolution will prevail.
2. This resolution will be effective immediately upon adoption, in accordance with § 7-5-123, MCA.
3. 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.
4. This Board directs that this resolution be entered into the minutes and signed by the Chair.

END OF RESOLUTION

Approved as to Form:

Marcia Boris, County Attorney

Date presented to the Board 10/16/24 Approved Disapproved [] Amended []

Adopted this 16th day of October 2024

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Josh Letcher, Chair

ATTEST:

Corrina L. Brown, Clerk of the Board

