

PROCLAMATION OPPOSING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S "30 X 30" LAND PRESERVATION GOAL

WHEREAS, Arizona is the 6th largest state in the United States by land mass containing 113,998 square miles of land, with the federal government being the largest landowner in Arizona, holding 69.75% of the state's total acreage, with 24% of the state conserved under federal trust for tribal communities, and with only approximately 13% private property and 13% state trust lands; and

WHEREAS, in Arizona there are 90 wilderness areas that comprise 4.5 million acres and a large percent of privately-owned land already being protected with perpetual conservation easements; and

WHEREAS, many of Arizona's businesses, schools and its citizens are involved in, or otherwise depend on, industries that utilize federal lands and their natural resources, including those deemed "critical minerals"; and

WHEREAS, in Section 216 of Executive Order 14008, President Biden directed the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture, to develop a program to conserve at least 30 percent of lands and waters in the United States by 2030 ("30 x 30 program") and if implemented, is likely to cause significant harm to the local tax base and economy of Arizona, and disproportionately impact businesses, schools, and citizens of Arizona and other western states; and

WHEREAS, the 30 x 30 program, if implemented, will conflict with the plans, policies and programs of Arizona which obligates the federal government to coordinate its policy development with the state as also required by the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the National Forest Management Act (NFMA);

THEREFORE, I, Representative Gail Griffin, invite members of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors to join with me to:

OPPOSE the 30 x 30 program, or any similar program that will set aside and prevent the productive use of millions of acres of our lands, OPPOSE the designation of public lands and national forests in Arizona as wilderness, wilderness study areas, wildlife preserves, open space, or other conservation land and acquiring private land from unwilling landowners, and SUPPORT the management of the public lands and the national forests under principles of multiple use and sustained yield, recognizing the Nation's need for domestic sources of minerals, energy, timber, food, and in careful coordination with Arizona to ensure consistency with state and local land use plans and land management policies, and the protection of private property and honoring state rights as required by law.



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