

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-10**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF FLAGSTAFF,  
ARIZONA, OPPOSING COMPETITIVE PREDATOR HUNTS IN FLAGSTAFF,  
AZ AND COCONINO COUNTY.**

**WHEREAS**, hunting and fishing have been a part of the fabric and history of the communities within and around the City of Flagstaff throughout its history; and

**WHEREAS**, an organization that promotes recreational calling of predators such as coyotes, bobcats and Foxes in order to kill them indiscriminately, and

**WHEREAS**, there has been advertised as “March Madness” competitive “Coyote Calling Contest” in Coconino County, and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Flagstaff values hunting as a method of food gathering, recreation, wildlife management, ecosystem balance, and protection of private property, just as the City values humane animal care and husbandry and responsible pet ownership; and

**WHEREAS**, predators, including coyotes, bobcats and Fox, are an integral part of the ecosystem and play a critical role in maintaining a healthy balance of plants and animals in the ecosystem by preying on species such as rabbits, mice, and other rodents; and

**WHEREAS**, predator management is an important tool for agriculture, recreation, hunting, and conservation; and

**WHEREAS**, the purposes and goals of many competitive predator hunts are profit, entertainment, prizes, or gambling and not for goals of personal consumption, protection of property, or the ethic of conservation;

**WHEREAS**, residents and visitors use the extensive public lands in in the surrounding public lands of Flagstaff, AZ for hiking, skiing, dog walking, bird watching, seasonal game hunting, horseback riding, and other outdoor activities compatible with maintenance of a healthy environment, and the activities of the killing contest attendees pose a threat to their safety and well-being.

**ENACTMENTS:**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLAGSTAFF AS FOLLOWS:**

**THAT** the City Council of the City of Flagstaff hereby opposes any and all future competitive killing huts conducted in the City of Flagstaff and Coconino County.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Flagstaff this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February 2019.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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CITY ATTORNEY

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