

RESOLUTION 2019-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF COCONINO COUNTY, ARIZONA, SUPPORTING THE ARIZONA GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT AND THEIR ABILITY TO LAWFULLY MANAGE AND REGULATE WILDLIFE POPULATIONS.

WHEREAS, hunting and fishing have been a part of the culture of the communities of Coconino County throughout its history; and Coconino County values hunting as a method of food gathering, recreation, wildlife management, ecosystem balance and protection of private property, just as the county values humane treatment of all animals; and

WHEREAS, all predators are an integral part of the ecosystem and play a critical role in maintaining a healthy balance in the environment, coyotes are especially resilient and can prosper on nearly any food source including carrion and berries, and by preying on any species equal to or smaller in size; rabbits, rodents, fawns, calves, lambs, or domestic dogs, and cats, and

WHEREAS, studies show predation on fawn populations, especially from coyotes, is a major cause of limited survival rates of the pronghorn and deer fawns, and

WHEREAS, calling contests usually take place in March, just prior to fawning time, the purposes and goals of most wildlife calling/killing contests are to promote the increased survival rate of pronghorn and deer fawns, calves, and lambs by removing coyotes from the fawning areas, and for profit, entertainment, prizes, protection of domestic livestock, and management and conservation of all wildlife.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Coconino County Board of Supervisors hereby supports the Arizona Game and Fish Department and their lawful management, and regulation of, the wildlife of the State of Arizona, including wildlife contests, as provided for by the laws of the State of Arizona.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the Board of Supervisors have passed and adopted and hereunto set our hand and caused the seal of the County of Coconino, Arizona to be affixed this 12th day of February 2019.

(SEAL)

COCONINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Art Babbott, Chairman