

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS, COLORADO**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AN OPPOSING POSITION TO THE STATEWIDE
BALLOT INITIATIVES THAT WOULD ALLOW LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO BAN
CERTAIN BUSINESS AND OIL AND GAS ACTIVITIES.**

WHEREAS, Colorado is recovering from a severe national recession, triggered largely by upheaval in a single but significant sector of the economy, creating cascading upheaval across all sectors of the economy; and

WHEREAS, the recent recession brought double-digit unemployment, devaluation of residential and commercial property, plunging tax receipts and contributions to non-profits, and a contraction of both key government and non-profit services; and

WHEREAS, two measures have been proposed for the 2014 Colorado ballot that threaten upheaval in other important sectors of Colorado's economy and a return to economic hardship; and

WHEREAS, proposed Measure #75 would derail Colorado's economic recovery by authorizing voters in all 271 cities and 64 counties to supersede state law and re-write the rules and regulations for any business in their jurisdiction, including banning legitimate businesses from operating in their jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, proposed Measure #82 applies those same bans specifically to the oil and gas industry, which supports 110,000 Colorado jobs and generates 11 percent of Colorado's gross domestic product; and

WHEREAS, adoption of either of these measures would cancel out Colorado's historic "welcome mat" to new businesses, sending the message, "Don't come to Colorado, don't invest here, we oppose business activity."

WHEREAS, the broad-reaching impact of both these measures demands a broad response from Colorado's, business, labor and non-profit communities; and

WHEREAS, Coloradans for Responsible Reform (CFRR) has a 20-year history of serving as an effective mechanism for businesses to join with labor and non-profit organizations to unite in opposition or support of measures having a major impact on Colorado's economic vitality and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, CFRR has begun mobilizing to defend Colorado against the threats posed by Measures #75 and #82; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Douglas, Colorado, does hereby acknowledge that proposed Measures #75 and #82, and any similar measures that might be filed, pose serious and substantial risk to Colorado's economic recovery, and hereby supports and joins Coloradans for Responsible Reform's coalition efforts in working to keep both measures off the ballot, or, if necessary, urging their defeat.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of April, 2014, in Castle Rock, Douglas County, Colorado.

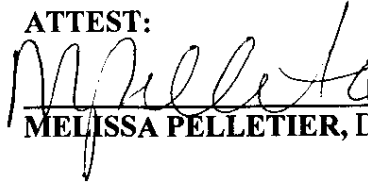
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BY:



ROGER A. PARTRIDGE, Chair

ATTEST:



MELISSA PELLETIER, Deputy Clerk

