

RESOLUTION NO. 18-133

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF
THE TOWN OF DEWEY-HUMBOLDT, ARIZONA, OPPOSING
COMPETITIVE PREDATOR HUNTS IN DEWEY-HUMBOLDT AND
YAVAPAI COUNTY.**

WHEREAS, the Town of Dewey-Humboldt was incorporated to recognize and protect its special rural country character and the unique ecosystem of the Agua Fria River region, and

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

WHEREAS, there has been advertised a "Holiday" competitive coyote "calling and kill" in Dewey-Humboldt, and

WHEREAS, predators are an integral part of the Dewey-Humboldt/Agua Fria 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, the indiscriminate killing of predators, even when done legally, does not serve any legitimate wildlife management purpose and instead upsets the natural balance of the area's ecosystem, and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Dewey-Humboldt opposes any and all future competitive killing hunts in Dewey-Humboldt and Yavapai County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Dewey-Humboldt, Arizona this 20th day of November, 2018.


Terry Nolan, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Susan Goodwin, Town Attorney

ATTEST:


Julie Gibson, Town Clerk