

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GRAND COUNTY COMMISSION OF UTAH
SUPPORTING THE 30X30 CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT 30 PERCENT OF U.S. LANDS
AND INLAND WATERS AND 30 PERCENT OF U.S. OCEAN BY 2030**

WHEREAS, the 30x30 campaign is a science-based initiative to conserve at least 30 percent of U.S. lands and inland waters and 30 percent of U.S. ocean by the year 2030; and

WHEREAS, this campaign was launched to address our climate crisis and reverse the destruction of our wildlife, waters and natural places; and

WHEREAS, 30x30 is an inclusive vision for safeguarding America's lands, water, and wildlife that will support the efforts of people across the country, including rural communities, Tribal Nations, private landowners, and many others on the frontlines of conserving, stewarding, restoring, using and enjoying nature; and

WHEREAS, the 30x30 campaign is an ambitious effort to accelerate conservation, which will rely on efforts by federal, state, local, and Tribal governments, agricultural and forest landowners, fishermen, hunters, anglers, recreation users and other key stakeholders to identify and implement collaborative strategies; and

WHEREAS, scientists warn that conserving and restoring at least 30 percent of lands and waters is the bare minimum we must achieve if we hope to preserve biodiversity and ecosystems and mitigate the impacts of climate change; and

WHEREAS, biodiversity loss and human encroachment upon wildlife habitat is increasing the risk of infectious diseases such as COVID-19, Lyme disease and SARS; and

WHEREAS, our natural places provide us with food supplies and clean drinking water, boost our economies, and offer us a wide range of health benefits; and

WHEREAS, wilderness, wildlife refuges, national conservation lands, monuments and other conserved places provide access for hunting, fishing, hiking, biking, camping and other outdoor recreation pursuits; and

WHEREAS, conserved private lands, including working forests, farms, and ranches, protect open spaces, preserve threatened wildlife and help maintain our residents' way of life; and

WHEREAS, every person, regardless of race, background or economic status, should have access to close-to-home opportunities to get outside in nature; and

WHEREAS, protected public lands are the backbone of the outdoor recreation industry which contributed \$5,997,982 to Utah’s economy in 2019 and supported 74,701 jobs [[BEA STATS AVAILABLE HERE](#)];

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Grand County Commission, establish our support for the 30x30 initiative and science-based, locally-led efforts to conserve and restore at least 30 percent of U.S. lands and inland waters and 30 percent of U.S. ocean by 2030; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we support a national goal to conserve 30x30 and stand with President Biden, U.S. agencies, Members of Congress, state and local governments and other public, private and nonprofit partners in their efforts to reach that goal;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we call on the U.S. government, Congress, and state and local leaders to significantly increase the tools and resources available to achieve locally-driven conservation, and to facilitate collaboration and good-faith conversations among all Americans as we work together to achieve 30x30 and solve our nature and climate crises.