

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-XXX

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF SHASTA
DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY
DUE TO A SIGNIFICANT THREAT TO PUBLIC SAFETY FROM THE PRESENCE
AND IMPACT OF GRAY WOLVES IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO RURAL RESIDENTS**

WHEREAS, the Shasta County Board of Supervisors recognizes the importance of wildlife conservation and balanced environmental stewardship; and

WHEREAS, the reintroduction and continued expansion of the gray wolf (*Canis lupus*) to Northern California has resulted in significant adverse impacts on rural communities and livestock producers, including confirmed depredations in Shasta, Plumas, Lassen, Siskiyou, and Modoc Counties; and

WHEREAS, since December 2024, Shasta County livestock producers have reported the loss of multiple cattle and other livestock to wolf attacks. DNA tests have confirmed that gray wolves were responsible for a number of these losses, with additional incidents under investigation. These attacks have occurred near rural residences, posing a significant threat to public safety; and

WHEREAS, these wolves have shown a lack of fear toward humans, attacking livestock near homes where families with children are present. Recent attacks have demonstrated that the wolves have killed livestock without feeding on them, indicating behavior that poses a danger beyond simple predation. This creates an imminent threat to local livestock producers and the families living and working on affected rural properties; and

WHEREAS, no effective means currently exist to protect the public or livestock from these wolves, leading to concerns that without timely, practical, and locally informed solutions, individuals may feel compelled to take unregulated actions to protect their property and safety, jeopardizing themselves, their neighbors, and eroding public trust; and

WHEREAS, the County of Shasta finds the following threats to public safety:

Extreme peril to the safety of persons and property has arisen due to the presence of gray wolves posing an emergent threat to public safety; and

Persistent wolf attacks have led to devastating losses for livestock producers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Shasta proclaims that a Local State of Emergency exists throughout Shasta County due to a significant threat to public safety caused by depredation from gray wolves in close proximity to rural residents within the County of Shasta.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Shasta that Shasta County requests the intervention of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife Services to address this rapidly evolving issue. Authorities are urged to consider euthanizing or relocating problem wolves to prevent further livestock losses and ensure the safety of the general public in affected communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Shasta duly authorizes and fully supports any and all actions deemed necessary by the Shasta County Sheriff to mitigate and resolve this threat, including use of force to protect life.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board respectfully requests the California Fish and Game Commission, in coordination with the Governor of California and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, initiate immediate regulatory changes to grant sheriffs the authority to investigate wolf incidents and declare a public safety threat, thereby authorizing removal of specific wolves under clearly defined and lawful procedures; and

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of May 2025, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Shasta by the following vote:

AYES: X
NOES: X
ABSENT: X
ABSTAIN: X
RECUSE: X

KEVIN W. CRYE, CHAIR
Board of Supervisors
County of Shasta
State of California

ATTEST:

DAVID J. RICKERT
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
JOSEPH LARMOUR
County Counsel

By: _____
Deputy

By: _____
Signed by:
Joseph Larmour
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