

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
COUNTY OF MONTEZUMA, STATE OF COLORADO

RESOLUTION 16-2020

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE COMPACT WHICH WILL APPEAR ON THE  
2020 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT

**WHEREAS**, America's Founding Fathers created a system of checks and balances to ensure that each state would have a unique voice in the election of a President; and that no city, state, or region would consolidate too much political power; and

**WHEREAS**, adoption of the National Popular Vote compact concentrates political power in a few large cities located in the most populous states; and

**WHEREAS**, Colorado's 9 Electoral Votes are highly coveted and pursued by presidential candidates, ensuring candidates listen to Colorado's unique interests on issues such as water, infrastructure, and taxes; and

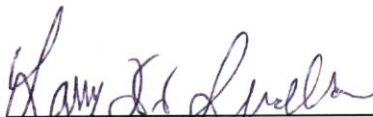
**WHEREAS**, National Popular Vote compact requires Colorado's Presidential Electors to cast their votes for the candidate for President who received the most votes nationally, even if that candidate did not receive the most votes in Colorado; and

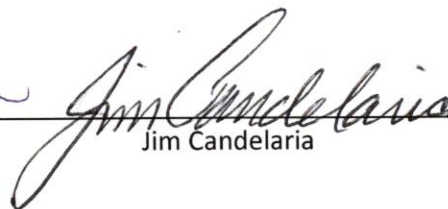
**WHEREAS**, requiring Colorado's Presidential Electors to cast their votes this way would give away Colorado's votes for President to more populated areas like Chicago, Los Angeles, New York and Washington, D.C., relegating Colorado's electorate to a mere bit player in Presidential elections; and

**WHEREAS**, National Popular Vote compact contains no majority requirement and would allow a candidate with a plurality, however small, to become President.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Montezuma County Board of County Commissioners officially declares its opposition to National Popular Vote compact for the purpose of ensuring proper checks and balances against accumulation of political power and to protect Colorado's unique political voice in presidential politics.

ADOPTED this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020

  
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Attest:   
Kim Percell, County Clerk and Recorder