

RESOLUTION 2019-05

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF COCONINO COUNTY,
ARIZONA, OPPOSING QUANTITY-BASED PREDATOR HUNTS AND
ENCOURAGING THE ARIZONA GAME AND FISH COMMISSION TO ENGAGE IN
RULEMAKING TO REGULATE QUANTITY-BASED PREDATOR HUNTS**

WHEREAS, hunting and fishing have been a part of the fabric and history of the communities of Coconino County throughout its history; and

WHEREAS, Coconino County values hunting as a method of food gathering, recreation, ecosystem balance, and protection of private property, just as the County values humane animal care and husbandry and responsible pet ownership; and

WHEREAS, predator management is an important tool for agriculture, recreation, hunting, and conservation; and

WHEREAS, wildlife management and conservation in Arizona is and has been guided by the North American Conservation Model comprised of seven basic tenets: 1) Wildlife as Public Trust Resources, 2) Elimination of Markets for Game, 3) Allocation of Wildlife by Law, 4) Wildlife Should Only be Killed for a Legitimate Purpose, 5) Wildlife is Considered an International Resource, 6) Science is the Proper Tool for Discharge of Wildlife Policy, and 7) Democracy of Hunting; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona Game & Fish Commission and Department are the lawful managers and regulators of wildlife and conservation efforts in the State of Arizona; and

WHEREAS, the purposes and goals of many quantity-based predator hunting contests are profit and prizes, which are not legitimate purposes compatible with tenet 4 of the North American Conservation Model;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Coconino County Board of Supervisors opposes quantity-based predator hunts which offer prizes of any kind for a quantity of animals harvested;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Coconino County Board of Supervisors strongly encourages the Arizona Game and Fish Commission to engage in rulemaking to prohibit the predator hunts which engage in prizes or compensation for harvesting animals.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the Board of Supervisors have hereunto set our hand and caused the seal of the county of Coconino, Arizona to be affixed this 26th day of March 2019.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Coconino County this 26th day of March, 2019.

AYES: 3
NOS: 1
ABSENT: 1

COCONINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



Art Babbott

Art Babbott, Chairman

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Lindsay Daley

Lindsay Daley, Clerk of the Board

Rose Winkeler

Rose Winkeler, Deputy County Attorney