

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the Endangered Species Act, enacted in 1973, has safeguarded critically imperiled wildlife populations from extinction through regulatory measures that protect their fragile ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, the Endangered Species Act has been credited with the resurgence of the bald eagle, American alligator, grizzly bear, humpback whale, and more, and has prevented extinction for 99 percent of all species listed with the Act; and

WHEREAS, in recent weeks, the Trump administration has proposed more than two dozen pieces of legislation, policy initiatives, and amendments designed to weaken the Endangered Species Act, including stripping protections from the gray wolf and American burying beetle, and prohibiting the inclusion of the sage grouse from protections; and

WHEREAS, these actions only serve to benefit large business interests like mining, drilling, and logging, while directly contributing to the likelihood of extinction for numerous native wildlife populations; and

WHEREAS, this recent wave of legislation has been opposed by over 100 lawmakers from the House of Representatives as well as environmental advocacy groups like the Center for Biological Diversity, Defenders of Wildlife, and the Union of Concerned Scientists; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles should oppose this legislation as it has long been the position of the City to support environmental protections and animal rights concerns;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED that by adoption of this Resolution, with concurrence of the Mayor, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2017-2018 Federal Legislative Program OPPOSITION to any legislation or administrative action that attempts to weaken or repeal the Endangered Species Act.

PRESENTED BY:



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