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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, since 1948 the Colorado Division of Wildlife has managed Rocky Mountain Goats (*Oreamnos Americanus*), otherwise known by a variety of names including Ibex, White Buffalo, White Deer, White goats, and Snow Deer, as an INTRODUCED or NONNATIVE or EXOTIC species, because the Division has assumed that Rocky Mountain Goats were not present in Colorado prior to 1948, and

WHEREAS, the International Order of Rocky Mountain Goats, in continuing its support of the professional management of the Rocky Mountain Goat by the Colorado Division of Wildlife, sought to enhance knowledge of the species by pursuing and compiling with the Division, a historically accurate account of the Rocky Mountain Goat's presence in Colorado over time, and

WHEREAS, the status of species (introduced, non-native, exotic, native, indigenous) can have a significant impact on the management of that species by various agencies, including the Colorado Division of Wildlife, the U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Bureau of Land Management, and the National Park Service, in Colorado, and

WHEREAS, substantial and meaningful literary evidence has recently been found that challenges the assumption that the Rocky Mountain Goat was introduced to and is not native to Colorado; this evidence having been detailed in Appendix A to this resolution, and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Legislature, acknowledging the existence of the Rocky Mountain Goat in Colorado, on March 22, 1887, approved House Bill 133 that stated, "no person shall kill or wound, ensnare or trap any Ibex or Rocky Mountain Goat within this State for a period of ten (10) years", and

WHEREAS, Theodore Roosevelt, noted conservationist, naturalist, hunter and wildlife authority, in his book, "The Wilderness Hunter" (copyright 1893) said, "Rocky Mountain Goats are found among the high mountains to the southward, in Wyoming, Colorado and even in New Mexico...", and

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WHEREAS, the United States Cartridge Company of Lowell, Mass., published a book in 1898, "Where to Hunt American Game", in which, after two years of data gathering and consulting with the Governors and Game Commissioners of each state, Gordon Land, who today would be referred to as Director of the Colorado Division of Wildlife, listed the Rocky Mountain Goat on page 40 of the "Colorado" Chapter, stating "There are some Rocky Mountain Goats in the state, but they are not abundant."

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Colorado Wildlife Commission hereby acknowledges that the Rocky Mountain Goat (*Oreamnos Americanus*), has inhabited numerous parts of the State of Colorado prior to reintroduction in 1948 and that the Rocky Mountain Goat is an indigenous (native) species of Colorado.

DATED: March 11, 1993

SIGNED:


Thomas M. Eve, Chairman


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