



1 WHEREAS, many American Indians regard the coyote as one of several  
2 sacred animals, playing a major role in animal symbolism through its mating  
3 for life, patience in hunting, and guidance on how to lead a life of balanced  
4 happiness; and

5 WHEREAS, New Mexico law does not recognize coyotes as game species  
6 and there are no bag limits or seasons for hunting them; and

7 WHEREAS, the indiscriminate killing of coyotes, while legal in New Mexico,  
8 does not serve any legitimate wildlife management purpose; and

9 WHEREAS, annual coyote killing contests appear to encourage the wanton  
10 taking of life by its attendees that is contrary to the treatment of all creatures  
11 in a humane and respectful manner and to living in harmony with our  
12 environment; and

13 WHEREAS, based on the accounts of past hunts, many participants lure  
14 coyotes using electronic callers that mimic prey animal sounds, then are  
15 encouraged to shoot as many coyotes as they can, without utilizing the pelt,  
16 meat, or any other part of the animal, while disposing of carcasses in a  
17 manner that has not been proven safe or sportsmanship-like; and

18 WHEREAS, Section 9-2-4-6 ROA 1994, provides for the improper disposal  
19 of animals as being “unlawful to dispose of the body of an animal by dumping  
20 the corpse on public or private property, roads or rights-of-way”; and

21 WHEREAS, public lands are also enjoyed by many people for hiking,  
22 horseback riding, dog walking, bird watching, hunting, and other outdoor  
23 activities possibly posing a threat to the safety and well-being of the City’s  
24 residents and their animals; and

25 WHEREAS, a bill to prohibit coyote killing contests, HB 316 of the 51<sup>st</sup>  
26 Legislature of the State of New Mexico (2013), passed the House Judiciary  
27 Committee; and

28 WHEREAS, two bills to prohibit coyote killing contests, SB 253 of the 52nd  
29 Legislature of the State of New Mexico (2015) and SB 268 of the 53rd  
30 Legislature of the State of New Mexico (2017), passed the New Mexico Senate  
31 with bipartisan sponsorship and support, along with the support of thousands  
32 of New Mexicans, Animal Protection of New Mexico, Rio Grande Chapter of the  
33 Sierra Club, Southwest Environmental Center (Las Cruces), Wildlife

1 Conservation Advocacy Southwest (Valencia County), and other national  
2 organizations.

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF  
4 ALBUQUERQUE:

5 Section 1. The Albuquerque City Council opposes future events organized,  
6 sponsored, arranged or held within the City of Albuquerque or its immediate  
7 vicinity as coyote killing contests are not representative of the killing of desert  
8 wildlife in a manner that is humane, respectful and safe.

9 Section 2. The City Council supports the introduction and passage of  
10 legislation prohibiting coyote-killing contests throughout the State of New  
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