CITY of ALBUQUERQUE TWENTY-THIRD COUNCIL

COUNC	IL BILL NO	R-18-5	ENACTMENT NO.
SPONS	ORED BY:	Diane G. Gib	son and Cynthia D. Borrego
1			RESOLUTION
2	CONDEMN	ING ANIMAL A	BUSE IN THE FORM OF COYOTE KILLING
3	CONTESTS	S AND URGING	THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATURE TO PASS
4	LEGISLATI	ON PROHIBITI	NG CONTESTS ORGANIZED, ARRANGED OR
5	SPONSOR	ED FOR THE P	URPOSE OF KILLING COYOTES FOR PRIZES OR
6	ENTERTAI	NMENT.	
7	WHERE	AS, the City re	cognizes and honors hunting and fishing events for
8	properly lic	censed hunters	s and anglers; and
9	WHERE	AS, the City st	rives to meet the highest standards of humane
10	animal care	e and husband	ry, and to promote responsible pet ownership; and
S 11	WHERE	AS, the City ar	nd surrounding communities strive to treat all
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<u>-</u> 13	animals to	the greatest ex	ktent possible; and
14	WHERE	AS, the desert	environment is home to a diverse range of animals
15 gg 15	of many di	fferent species	, each of which occupies its own place in the fragile
일 설 16	balance of	natural ecosys	stems; and
∑S 17	WHERE	AS, wildlife kil	ling contests are conducted for profit, entertainment
18	prizes and	simply for the	fun of killing, which are not unlike blood sports like
万 19	dogfighting	g or cockfightiı	ng and are at odds with Components Nos. 2 and 4 of
19 Bracketed B	the North A	American Mode	el of Wildlife Conservation and with the values that
21 g	rank-and-fi	le sportsmen p	profess; and
_ _	WHERE	AS, the City Co	ouncil recognizes that coyotes are native to the New
23	Mexico and	d play an impo	rtant role in maintaining the balance of natural
24	ecosystem	s by controllin	g populations of prey species such as rabbits and
25	mice, whic	h may be carri	ers of hantavirus, leptospirosis, lymphocytic
26	choriomen	ingitis (LCMV),	, Tularemia and Salmonella; and

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 st
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			
	11	Mexico.			
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