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RESOLUTION

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Boulder County Democratic Party Resolution Supporting the Boulder County Moratorium on Oil and Gas Operations

WHEREAS, many residents and advocacy groups residing in Boulder County have expressed concerns regarding the environmental and safety impact of oil and gas operations; and

WHEREAS, a moratorium exists in Boulder County that expires on May 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Boulder County is in the midst of finalizing strong regulations to protect the health, safety and well-being of the environment and all residents of the County before the current moratorium expires; and

WHEREAS, the State of Colorado has unnecessarily sued Boulder County to end the temporary moratorium on oil and gas production immediately; and

WHEREAS, the Platform of the Boulder County Democratic Party calls for policies that “mandate responsible oil and gas development” that includes support for moratoria on hydraulic fracking, and that “communities have the right to restrict activities that are likely to harm the health and wellbeing of their citizens”; and

WHEREAS, the Platform of the Boulder County Democratic Party also calls for Colorado State Legislators to “Support a statewide moratorium on the use of fracking until the risks to the public are scientifically and comprehensively assessed the regulated...”;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Boulder County Democratic Party stands resolutely with the citizens and Commissioners of Boulder County in both their right to restrict oil and gas operations from their community, in their rights as a community to regulate such activity, and strongly urges the Attorney General to withdraw the lawsuit and allow Boulder County’s regulatory approval process to continue under the term of the current moratorium.

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