

RESOLUTION 78-2020

RESOLUTION 78-2020 IN OPPOSITION TO THE NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE INTERSTATE COMPACT (NPVIC)

WHEREAS, The United States Constitution Article II, Section 1, Clause 2 vests state legislatures with the exclusive power to choose how to choose electors and how to allocate their states electors to vote in the Electoral College.; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2019 Governor Jared Polis signed the National Popular Vote bill (SB19-042) making Colorado one of sixteen (16) jurisdictions (fifteen (15) states and the District of Columbia) to enact the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact into law;

WHEREAS, on August 1, 2019, a referendum petition was filed to force a statewide vote in November 2020 on the National Popular Vote law; and

WHEREAS, America's Founding Fathers created a system of checks and balances to ensure that each state would have a unique voice in the election of a President, and that no city, state, or region would consolidate too much political power; and

WHEREAS, Colorado's nine (9) Electoral Votes are highly coveted and pursued by presidential candidates, ensuring candidates listen to Colorado's unique interests on issues such as water, infrastructure, and taxes; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact concentrates political power in a few large cities located in the most populous states; and

WHEREAS, the National Popular Vote compact requires Colorado's Presidential Electors to cast their votes for the candidates for President who received the most votes nationally, even if that candidate did not receive the most votes in Colorado; and

WHEREAS, requiring Colorado's Presidential Electors to cast their votes this way would give away Colorado's votes for President to more populated cities, giving unfair control over the presidency at the expense of suburbs and rural areas, and relegating Colorado's electorate in Presidential elections; and

WHEREAS, the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact contains no majority requirement and would allow a candidate with a plurality, however small, to become President;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington County Board of County Commissioners officially declares its opposition to the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact for the purpose of ensuring proper checks and balances against accumulation of political power and to protect Colorado's unique political voice in presidential politics.

This Resolution was presented at the meeting held on the 28th day of July, 2020 by Commissioner Laybourn who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Willeke and on roll call vote, all votes being yes, the resolution was adopted.

Tony N. Wells

Chairman

Attest:

Annis Kutz

Richard T. Willeke

Commissioner

Sean Ann Laybourn

Commissioner