## RESOLUTION 89- 2020

A RESOLUTION EXTENDING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON WASHINGTON COUNTY'S PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS FOR WIND AND SOLAR POWER GENERATION FACILITIES AND ASSOCIATED POWER LINES IN ALL UNINCORPORATED PORTIONS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY

**WHEREAS**, on March 24, 2020 via Resolution 64-2020, the Board of County Commissioners imposed a temporary moratorium until September 24, 2020 on the acceptance, processing, or approval of applications for uses of land that involve the development of wind or solar power generation facilities and associated transmission lines;

WHEREAS, County staff in conjunction with the County Planning Commission have been proceeding with due diligence to develop regulations that meet the needs of the County and intended to finalize their recommended solar and wind power regulations on September 21, 2020, which was to be followed by a public hearing before the Planning Commission with an extension to moratorium extension given to November 23, 2020;

WHEREAS, State of Colorado governor Jared Polis, the Northeast Colorado Public Health Director, and Washington County Emergency Manager in the interests of public health and safety to address community spread of COVID-19 and to protect the health and safety of the public, have restricted public gatherings;

**WHEREAS**, the recommended regulations will subsequently be delivered to the Board of County Commissioners for review, which will also require a properly noticed public hearing;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners anticipates that given the requirements of public hearings, and additional reviews required for the final regulations, they will not be effective sooner than February 23, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners therefore desires to extend the temporary moratorium to February 23, 2021.

## NOW BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, COLORADO:

- 1. All the findings set forth in Resolution 64-2020 are hereby incorporated herein.
- 2. The moratorium set forth in Resolution 64-2020 is hereby extended to February 23, 2021 unless earlier terminated or further extended.

## DATED this 24th day of November, 2020.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WASHINGTON COUNTY, COLORADO

Tony Wells Chairman

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