

**Resolution by the Papio-Missouri River
Natural Resources District
Board of Directors**

Whereas, the State of Nebraska has a unique system of soil and water conservation, locally led by natural resources districts (NRD's) with locally elected board of directors;

Whereas, Nebraska's unique system of locally-controlled, watershed-based conservation through NRD's is widely admired throughout the nation;

Whereas, over 97% of the land in Nebraska is privately owned;

Whereas, NRD's have worked successfully and cooperatively with local landowners for fifty years to develop and tailor voluntary conservation programs that assist landowners to protect the resources for future generations;

Whereas, NRD's work in partnership with other local units of government, State of Nebraska agencies, University of Nebraska, and federal agencies such as the U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency and Natural Resources Conservation Service to provide voluntary conservation programs to all landowners;

Whereas, President Biden announced a vague and broadly outlined "30 x 30 plan" to protect 30 percent of the land and 30 percent of the water in the United States by 2030; and

Whereas, the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District ("PMRNRD") supports increased local, state and federal funding for voluntary conservation programs for all willing landowners and categorically rejects any local, state or federal mandates that would negatively impact the current voluntary conservation system.

Now therefore be it resolved, the Board of Directors of the PMRNRD express their opposition to any effort by the federal government to pursue mandatory conservation efforts or any plan that would circumvent or interfere with the existing conservation system of local control, infringe on private property rights for the purpose of conservation; or require federal approval of local or state soil and water conservation plans, regulations, or projects.