WHEREAS:
More than 650 miles of wall or other barriers have been constructed along the length of
the 2000-mile border of the U.S. and Mexico, and;

The U.S. Congress gave the U.S. Department of Homeland Security the authority to
waive all law to expedite building of the wall and in the past two years numerous
environmental laws have been waived in order to circumvent court orders halting
construction, and;

This borderlands region harbors wilderness areas and migration pathways of critical
importance to North American wild species including the jaguar, ocelot, desert bighorn
and pronghorn, and;

Ecosystems that support the borderlands’ rich biological diversity also supply ecosystem
services important for human well-being

Attempts in the U.S. Congress are ongoing to build double-layer fencing along the entire
2000-mile border, and;

Border infrastructure interferes with genetic, species, community and regional
connectivity between the two countries.

There have also been discussions of a border wall along the U.S.-Canada border.

THEREFORE: The 9th World Wilderness Congress recognizes the severe threat of
severing the movement of wild species along an entire latitude of North America — a
threat made all the more grave by the increasing drought and unstable climate situation
posed by global warming. The Congress commends the work of organizations like the
Sierra Club and Defenders of Wildlife and the Sky Island Alliance who have been
working to monitor the impact of the wall, raise awareness about the effect on wildlife
and ecosystems, and press for legislation in the U.S. Congress that would return the force
of environmental law to the borderlands.

RESOLVED: Be it resolved that the 9th World Wilderness Congress calls upon:
- The U.S. Congress to revoke the waiver of environmental and other laws along
  the border.
- The US Department of Homeland Security to follow all environmental and other
  applicable law in constructing any future infrastructure operations along the
  border.
Further, the wall that is already constructed should be subject to intensive monitoring for its impacts on wildlife and ecosystems, and wildlife scientists, private landowners and public land managers on both sides of this international border should be engaged to determine ways to mitigate the impacts of the current wall on wildlife and ecosystems.

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