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Colorado Secretary of State

VERSION 1

Local Regulation of Oil and Gas Development

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Colorado:

ARTICLE XXX

SECTION 1. In the constitution of state of Colorado, add article XXX as follows:

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO FIND AND DECLARE THAT RESPONSIBLE OIL AND GAS DEVELOPMENT IS CRITICAL TO THE STATE ECONOMY AND NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH ENERGY INDEPENDENCE; THAT REGULATION OF OIL AND GAS DEVELOPMENT IS A MATTER OF STATEWIDE CONCERN; AND THAT CITIES, TOWNS AND COUNTIES ARE ENTITLED TO REGULATE LAND USE AND PLANNING WITHIN THEIR JURISDICTION SO AS TO PROVIDE ORDERLY USE OF LAND AND PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS. CITIES, TOWNS AND COUNTIES SHALL NOT ENACT LOCAL LAWS, REGULATIONS, ORDINANCES, OR CHARTER PROVISIONS REGULATING OIL AND GAS DEVELOPMENT OR OPERATIONS THAT ARE MORE RESTRICTIVE OR OTHERWISE EXCEED OR CONFLICT WITH REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE COLORADO OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION OR ANY EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE, OR STATE LAWS ENACTED BY THE COLORADO GENERAL ASSEMBLY.