

RESOLUTION NO. R-024-

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS,
COLORADO A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PASSAGE OF PROPOSITION 131**

WHEREAS, state voters will have the opportunity at the November 5, 2024, statewide general election to change the Colorado Revised Statutes **Establishing All-Candidate Primary and Ranked Choice Voting General Elections (Concerning the Conduct of Elections)**; and

WHEREAS, this proposal would drastically and significantly change the way candidates are nominated and elected in Colorado State Office elections, upending and discarding the time-honored and historically-successful process used since the establishment of our State one hundred and forty-eight years ago; and

WHEREAS, the success of our time-honored electoral process in offering opportunity, choice and clear decisiveness stands in stark contrast to the wide-open processes used by other nations, which often result in fractured governing coalitions which dissolve at the slightest conflict; and

WHEREAS, this proposal would also significantly complicate both the manner in which citizens vote and in which those votes are processed and counted, lending to voter confusion, a much greater public cost and greater likelihood of delay, error and mischief; and

WHEREAS, the aspect of this proposal known as “Ranked Choice Voting” appears to seriously run afoul of the vital and hallowed Constitutional concept of “one person; one vote” by permitting certain persons’ votes to be counted more than once; and

WHEREAS, this proposal, by virtually guaranteeing more than two candidates in most or all State Office elections, not only lends to a lack of decisiveness, but a greater likelihood that the most popular candidates will not prevail, contravening the will of the electorate and severely undermining public confidence in our electoral process; and

WHEREAS, the Board takes notice that a significant number of the citizens of the State of Alaska, who recently adopted an electoral concept and process quite similar to Prop 131, have seen fit to seek its rescission by placing an initiative on their state’s ballot to abandon Open Primaries and Ranked Choice Voting and return to the traditional election process.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS, COLORADO, that the Board opposes the passage of Proposition 131, and urges our citizens to vote against this Ballot Measure at the General Election.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this day of October 22nd 2024, in Castle Rock, Douglas County, Colorado.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF DOUGLAS COUNTY, COLORADO**

BY:

GEORGE TEAL, Chair

ATTEST:

HAYLEY HALL, Clerk to the Board