## TETON COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION RESOLUTION

## Section 1: Statement of Purpose and Public Policy

- (A) Recognizing that the role of historic preservation is more to encourage and assist rather than regulate, this resolution shall be called "The Teton County Historic Preservation Resolution".
- (B) The State of Wyoming and Teton County have a wide range of cultural resources that include prehistoric and historic sites which are invaluable remains illustrating our state's past. The Teton County Commissioners hereby find that the State of Wyoming and Teton County are noteworthy for their historic sites and natural beauty. The cultural resources in Teton County include: ranches, farms, homestead sites and structures, American Indian sites, historic and archaeological sites, and a significant cultural landscape. In recent years significant structures, and historic and archaeological sites have been destroyed or have deteriorated from neglect without adequate consideration of either the values represented therein or the possibility of preserving the properties for use in productive ways. Citizens of Teton County share the belief that Wyoming's cultural resources enhance the quality of life for all residents and visitors and promote Teton County's general welfare. It is hereby declared a matter of public policy that the protection, enhancement, and perpetuation of significant historical, archaeological, and architectural sites of value is a public necessity and is required in the interest of health, prosperity, safety and welfare of the people. The purpose of this section is to:

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- (1) Effect and accomplish the protection, enhancement, and perpetuation of such cultural resources which represent or reflect elements of Teton County.
- (2) Protect Teton County's historic, archaeological, architectural, and cultural heritage, as embodied and reflected in such historic structures, sites and districts.