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POCATELLO

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STATE OF IDAHO)
) ss
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I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of Resolution No. 2026-23, and the same now remains on file and of record in my office.

WITNESS my hand official seal hereto affixed this 26th day of August, A.D., 2026.

KONNI R. KENDELL, CITY CLERK
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RESOLUTION NO. 2026-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POCATELLO, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF IDAHO, EXPRESSING FORMAL OPPOSITION TO ANY CONTINUED ASSEMBLY, MANUFACTURE, AND DISTRIBUTION OF M-44 CYANIDE DEVICES WITHIN THE MUNICIPAL LIMITS OF THE CITY OF POCATELLO, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Pocatello is committed to ensuring the health, safety, and general welfare of its residents, children, and companion animals; and

WHEREAS, M-44 devices, commonly referred to as "cyanide bombs," utilize a spring-loaded mechanism to eject highly toxic sodium cyanide powder, posing an inherent and indiscriminate risk to public safety; and

WHEREAS, the dangers of these devices were tragically demonstrated within the Pocatello community in 2017 when a local youth, Canyon Mansfield, was injured and his dog, Kasey, was killed by an M-44 device; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services (APHIS) continues to operate the Pocatello Supply Depot within the city limits of Pocatello, where M-44 cyanide devices are assembled and distributed nationwide; and

WHEREAS, while the City Council recognizes the legal doctrines of federal supremacy and intergovernmental immunity that limit municipal regulatory authority over federal property, the City Council possesses a duty to voice the grave safety concerns of the citizens it represents; and

WHEREAS, the ongoing assembly and presence of chemical predator-control devices within an urbanized municipality creates unnecessary anxiety and runs counter to the community's vision for a safe, family-friendly environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POCATELLO AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Mayor and City Council of the City of Pocatello hereby state their formal opposition to the continued assembly, manufacturing, stockpiling, and distribution of M-44 cyanide devices at the Pocatello Supply Depot or any other location within the municipal boundaries of the City.

2. The City Council urges the USDA and APHIS to voluntarily cease the production of M-44 cyanide devices within Pocatello city limits.

3. The City Council urges Idaho's Congressional Delegation to support federal legislation, known as "Canyon's Law," to permanently ban the use and production of these indiscriminate chemical devices on public lands and facilities.

4. The City Clerk is hereby directed to forward certified copies of this Resolution to the Secretary of the USDA, the administrator of APHIS, the Governor of the State of Idaho, and Idaho's federal Congressional representatives.

5. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption and approval.

RESOLVED this 20th day of August, 2026.

CITY OF POCATELLO, a municipal corporation of Idaho

MARK DAHLQUIST, Mayor

ATTEST:

KONNI R. KENDELL, City Clerk