



**RESOLUTION TO CREATE A NEW YOUTH CATEGORY OF MEMBERSHIP TO ENTICE MORE YOUTH PARTICIPATION WITH BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN ORGANIZATIONS ACROSS THE COUNTRY**

**WHEREAS**, BCHA currently has only two adult membership options, i.e. Individual & Family, and

**WHEREAS**, many youth have parents and/or guardians who do not share their youth's interest in equine activities and, therefore, these youth might not be able to take advantage of a family membership, and

**WHEREAS**, involvement in BCH would teach good equine practices to these youth, and

**WHEREAS**, involvement in BCH would promote responsible use of the back country to these youth, and

**WHEREAS**, involving youth in service-oriented opportunities would provide youth leadership development, experience, community involvement, and

**WHEREAS**, involving youth at a young age would expose them to all that BCH is about with the hope they would continue their involvement into adulthood, and

**WHEREAS**, BCHA would, as a result, benefit greatly from the addition of youth members,

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED** by the Back Country Horsemen of America to create a Non-Voting Youth membership category for youth aged 12yrs to 18yrs at a rate of \$10 per annum with all other rights, privileges and obligations as an adult membership

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Youth Memberships require appropriate Parental /Guardian permissions and liability release.