

Las Animas County



Board of County Commissioners

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**A Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners
of Las Animas County, Colorado
Recognizing the Many Past and Current Contributions of
Las Animas County's Cattlemen and other Meat Producers**

Resolution 21-012

- WHEREAS:** The Governor of Colorado has proclaimed a boycott of meat products, referred to as a "MeatOut" day in order to encourage meatless diets as promoted by the Farm Animal Rights Movement (FARM), to be observed by Coloradans on March 20, 2021; and
- WHEREAS:** Cattle and other meat production have historically been, and continue to be, one of the key economic drivers in Las Animas County; and
- WHEREAS:** The U.S. Department of Agriculture's 2017 market value report established that the annual sale value of Las Animas County cattle, calves, poultry, and hogs exceeded \$22M; and
- WHEREAS:** Employment in the agriculture sector and related industries provides jobs to Las Animas County citizens with a total 2017 payroll of over \$1M, a very large number of which are involved in ranching and livestock/meat production; and
- WHEREAS:** The Colorado General Assembly is considering passage of Senate Bill 21-079 which concerns deregulation of direct to customer meat sales in support of ranch to table private enterprise; and
- WHEREAS:** The 2020-2025 Dietary Guidelines issued by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration recognizes that a variety of animal and plant proteins is important to a healthy diet; and
- WHEREAS:** The Board of County Commissioners expresses its concern the Governor of Colorado would call for a boycott, even of one-day duration, of an industry that is key and essential to both our local and State economies; and
- WHEREAS:** Las Animas County meat producers contribute an estimated \$1,761,556 in property tax dollars to assist in funding local school districts, fire and ambulance districts, local governments, and other entities.

Now, therefore, be it Resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Las Animas County, Colorado, that:

1. This Commission supports the meat producers of Las Animas County and their contributions to our community; and
2. This Commission supports Senate Bill 21-079 concerning deregulation of direct to customer meat sales in support of ranch to table private enterprise and all other legislative actions that support strengthening Colorado agriculture; and
3. This Commission declares its support for Las Animas County's cattle and meat producers and proclaims March 20, 2021, as Las Animas County's meat producers' day.

Upon motion made and seconded and an affirmative vote, this Resolution was adopted this 12th day of March 2021.

By Order of the Board of County Commissioners of Las Animas County, Colorado


_____ Luis A. Lopez II, Commissioner


_____ Tony C. Hass, Commissioner


_____ Felix M. Lopez, Commissioner

Attest:


_____ Patricia M. Vigil, County Clerk & Recorder