

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CONEJOS COUNTY
RECOGNIZING THE MANY CONTRIBUTIONS OF CONEJOS COUNTY CATTLEMEN,
RANCHERS, AND FARMERS AND DECLARING MARCH 20TH AS THE ANNUAL
CATTLEMEN'S, RANCHERS', AND FARMERS' DAY
RESOLUTION C -03-21

WHEREAS, the Governor of Colorado has proclaimed a boycott of meat products, referred to as a "MeatOut" - in order to promote 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 livestock production has historically been, and continues to be, one of the key economic drivers in Conejos County; and

WHEREAS, Conejos County cattle, ranching, and farming families are part of a \$3.4B state industry; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. Department of Agriculture reports (2017) the annual sale value of Conejos County cattle, calves, poultry, and hogs exceeds \$19M; and

WHEREAS, the same USDA reports that Conejos County's annual sales value of other crops and hay exceeds \$27M; and

WHEREAS employment in the agriculture sector and related industries provides jobs to over eight hundred and seventy-nine Conejos County citizens, a very large number of which are involved in ranching and livestock production; 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, Conejos County is a declared "Right to Farm" county and has taken regulatory steps to protect our active farms and ranches; 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.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE CONEJOS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CONEJOS COUNTY, COLORADO declares its support for our cattlemen and other livestock producers and proclaims March 20, 2021 as Conejos County Cattlemen's, Rancher's, and Farmer's Day; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission express their concern that 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 agricultural and state economy; and

FINALLY, SHALL IT BE RESOLVED, that 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.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of March, 2021.

Upon a Motion duly made and seconded, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Mitchell Jarvies AYE
Mitchell Jarvies, Commissioner

Carlos Garcia AYE
Carlos Garcia, Commissioner

Joseph Baroz AYE
Joseph Baroz, Commissioner

ATTEST: NATHAN RUYBAL
COUNTY CLERK

BY: Janabelle Gomez
DEPUTY CLERK TO THE BOARD JANABELLE GOMEZ

