

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Delta County is an agriculture county and all of our agriculture contributes to the economics, amenities, custom, and culture of the county; and

WHEREAS, livestock production includes beef, sheep, pork, goat, chicken, rabbit, elk, bison, yaks, alpaca and all of which are raised in a sustainable and regenerative manner; and

WHEREAS, According to the Census of Agriculture, Delta County is home to 17,000 head of beef cattle, 3,600 goats, 478 hogs, 13,611 sheep, 49,316 chickens, 1,500 dairy cows, and alpacas, llamas and yaks; and

WHEREAS, Agriculture accounts for \$47 million dollars of direct economic sales in Delta County on an annual basis and livestock production is the majority of sales; and

WHEREAS, employment in the livestock sector and related industries provides countless jobs to Delta County citizens a very large number of which are involved in ranching and livestock production; and

WHEREAS, Agriculture accounts for 75 percent of the private land in Delta County; and

WHEREAS, Agriculture provides critical wildlife habitat, open space, return flow to our rivers and streams especially late in the season; and

WHEREAS, there are 190,820 acres of rangeland in Delta County and 66,762 acres of cropland and rangeland land stores 40 tons of carbon per acre and cropland stores 26 tons per acre; and

WHEREAS, livestock are extremely efficient means of converting pasture grass, crop aftermath and rangelands into dietary proteins that are an important part of our citizen's diets; and

WHEREAS, Delta County Agriculture has sustained farm and ranch families for generations providing a living history of our lands; and

WHEREAS, the youth of Delta County are involved in agriculture through family farms and ranches, 4-H, FFA and this active involvement ensures a sustainable agriculture industry in Delta County; and

WHEREAS, there are Delta County is a Right to Farm county; and

WHEREAS, Agriculture was the number one priority identified in our Master Plan

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE DELTA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DELTA COUNTY, COLORADO declares its full support for our livestock producers and proclaim March 20, 2021 as Delta County Livestock Day.

Signed this 16th day of March, 2021.



Mike



Don Suppes, Vice Chairman



Wendell Koontz, Member

