

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS, COLORADO**

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE MANY PAST AND CURRENT
CONTRIBUTIONS OF DOUGLAS COUNTY CATTLEMEN AND OTHER
LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS AND SUPPORTING THE LOCAL RANCHING
INDUSTRY.**

WHEREAS, the Governor of Colorado has proclaimed a boycott of meat products, referred to as a "MeatOut" - 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, the Governor's "MeatOut" proclamation erroneously states that eating meat is unhealthy, causes environmental damage and pollution, and supports animal abuse; and

WHEREAS, animal use is not animal abuse and by financial necessity and natural inclination, livestock producers care for their animals as much as is humanly possible; 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, cattle and other livestock are an extremely efficient means of converting dryland pasture grass to dietary proteins that are an important part of our citizen's diets; and

WHEREAS, cattle and other livestock production has historically been, and continues to be, one of the key economic drivers in Douglas County; and

WHEREAS, Douglas County Cattlemen and our ranching families are part of a \$4.2B state industry with a \$40B economic impact and accounts for 10% of the states total export sales; and

WHEREAS, that the Commissioners 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 and state economy; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS declares its support for our cattlemen and other livestock producers and proclaims March 20, 2021 as Douglas County Cattlemen's Day.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of March 2021, in Castle Rock, Douglas County, Colorado.