

STATE OF COLORADO)
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County of Otero)

At a Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners for Otero County, Colorado, held at the Courthouse in La Junta, Colorado, on the 8th day of March, A.D., 2021, there were present:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jim Baldwin,	Chairman
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rob Oquist,	Commissioner
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	John Hostetler,	Commissioner
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lyn Scott,	Clerk to the Board
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Amy White-Tanabe,	County Administrator

when the following proceedings were had and done, to-wit:

Resolution #2021 – 04

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE MANY PAST AND CURRENT CONTRIBUTIONS OF OTERO 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” - 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 Otero County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners found, at the time of the adoption of the Otero County Land Use Code, that “...ranching, farming and all manner of agricultural activities and operations throughout Otero County are integral elements of and necessary for the continued vitality of the County’s history, economy, landscape, lifestyle and culture”; and

WHEREAS, Otero County cattlemen, livestock producers and our ranching families are a fundamental part of a \$3.4B state industry with a \$40B economic impact and account for 15% of the States total export sales; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Agriculture reports that in 2017 the annual sale value of Otero County cattle, calves, poultry, sheep and hogs surpassed \$90M; and

WHEREAS, employment in the agriculture sector and related industries provides jobs to Otero 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 recognize that a variety of animal and plant proteins is important to a healthy diet; and

WHEREAS, Otero County is a declared "Right to Farm" county and has taken regulatory steps to protect our active farms and ranches.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF OTERO COUNTY, COLORADO affirms its support and appreciation for our hardworking cattlemen, farmers and other livestock producers and proclaims March 20, 2021, as Otero County Ranching, Livestock and Meat-IN Day; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF OTERO COUNTY, COLORADO, expresses its displeasure that the Governor of Colorado would call for a boycott, even of a one-day duration, of an industry that is key and essential to both our local and state economy.

Adopted this 8th day of March 2021.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF OTERO COUNTY, STATE OF
COLORADO:


Clerk & Recorder


Jim Baldwin, Chairman




John Hostetler


Rob Oquist