

# Proclamation

*“Pueblo County Cattlemen’s Day”*

March 20, 2021

- WHEREAS:** The Governor of Colorado has proclaimed a boycott of meat products, referred to as a ‘Meat Out’ 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:** Before Pueblo was known as the Steel City, its foundation was in cattle. Cattle and other livestock production have historically been, and continues to be, a key economic driver in Pueblo County; and
- WHEREAS:** Pueblo County cattlemen and their ranching families are part of a \$3.4 billion state industry, with a \$40B economic impact, accounting for 10% of the state’s total export sales; and
- WHEREAS:** Over 300 youth participate in 4H and FFA (Future Farmers of America) to show their livestock at the Pueblo County Fair; 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 are important to a healthy diet; 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 Board of County Commissioners express 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 economy; and
- WHEREAS:** Pueblo County has been the home of the Colorado State Fair since 1872, where livestock management has been celebrated and rewarded.

***THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, WE, the Board County Commissioners of the County of Pueblo, Colorado, by the authority vested in us, do hereby proclaim March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 as “Pueblo County Cattlemen’s Day” in the County of Pueblo, Colorado; and call upon the citizens of Pueblo County to join in this special observance.***

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we hereunto set our hands and cause the Seal of the County of Pueblo, Colorado, to be affixed this 9th day of March 2021.*

***Board of Pueblo County Commissioners,***

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*Epimenio “Eppie” M. Griego  
Commissioner*

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*Garrison M. Ortiz  
Chair*

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*Chris Wiseman  
Chair Pro Tem*