

RESOLUTION NO. 14 SERIES OF 2021

**RECOGNIZING THE MANY PAST AND CURRENT CONTRIBUTIONS OF  
FREMONT CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION, FREMONT CATTLEWOMEN'S  
ASSOCIATION, AND OTHER MEAT 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 promote meatless diets as promoted by the Farm Animal Rights Movement (FARM), to be observed by Coloradans on March 20, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, beef and other meat production has historically been, and continues to be, one of the key economic drivers in Fremont County; and

**WHEREAS**, Fremont Cattlemen's Association, the Fremont Cattlewomen's Association and our ranching families are part of a \$3.4 billion state industry with a \$40 billion economic impact and accounts for 10 percent of the states total export sales; and

**WHEREAS**, employment in the agriculture sector and related industries provides jobs to more than 1,400 Fremont County citizens, the majority of which are involved in ranching and livestock production; and

**WHEREAS**, beef and other meat production is an abundant agricultural powerhouse with 38,900 farms spread across 31.8 million acres in Colorado, with our farmers and ranchers working tirelessly 365 days a year to produce commodities for both the state and the entire nation: 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**, Fremont County is a declared "Right to Farm and Ranch" 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.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE FREMONT COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF FREMONT COUNTY, COLORADO** declares its support for our cattlemen and other meat producers and proclaims March 20, 2021 as Fremont County Cattlemen's Day.

**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 and state economy.

**BE IT FURTHER 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.

Commissioner Bell moved the adoption of the foregoing Resolution with a second by Commissioner McFall. The roll call vote of the Board was as follows:

Debbie Bell	<u>AYE</u>	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Kevin Grantham	<u>AYE</u>	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Dwayne McFall	<u>AYE</u>	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT

The Resolution was declared to be duly adopted.

Date: March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Dwayne McFall  
Chairman

Attest: [Signature]  
Clerk to the Board

