

RESOLUTION 2021-2
RECOGNIZING THE MANY PAST AND CURRENT CONTRIBUTIONS
OF KIOWA 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 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 Kiowa County; and

WHEREAS, Kiowa County Cattleman and our ranching families are part of a \$3.4B state industry with a \$40B economic impact; and

WHEREAS employment in the agriculture sector and related industries provides jobs to Kiowa 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 recognizes that a variety of animal and plant proteins is 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.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE KIOWA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF KIOWA COUNTY, COLORADO declares its support for our cattlemen and other livestock producers and proclaims March 20, 2021 as Kiowa County Cattlemen's Day; and

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; and **FINALLY, SHALL IT BE 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.

The vote was:

Commissioner Oswald Aye

Commissioner Robertson Aye

Commissioner Lening Aye

The Chair declared the motion adopted and so ordered.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of March 2021 in Kiowa County, Colorado.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF KIOWA COLORADO

/s/ Donald Oswald, Chair

/s/ Mike Lening, Commissioner

/s/ Howard "Butch" Robertson, Commissioner

Attest

/s/ Delisa Weeks, Kiowa County Clerk