

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-05

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO, RECOGNIZING THE MANY PAST  
AND CURRENT CONTRIBUTIONS OF LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS AND  
SUPPORTING THE LOCAL RANCHING INDUSTRY  
PROCLAIMING MARCH 20, 2021 AS MEAT-INDAY**

**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**, livestock production and supporting industries has historically been, and continues to be, one of the key economic drivers in Rio Blanco County; and

**WHEREAS**, Rio Blanco County ranching families are part of a \$3.4B state industry with a \$40B economic impact and accounts for 10% of the states total export sales; and

**WHEREAS**, Rio Blanco County livestock growing operations keep millions of acres in agricultural production, protecting open space and wildlife habitat within the state of Colorado; and

**WHEREAS**, employment in the agriculture sector and related industries provides countless jobs to Rio Blanco County citizens, a large number of which are involved in ranching and livestock production.

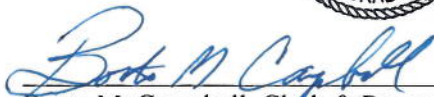
**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO** declares its support for our livestock producers and proclaims March 20, 2021 as Rio Blanco County's "Meat In" Day; and

**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.

**DULY MOVED, SECONDED, AND PASSED ON A VOTE OF 3 FOR AND 0 AGAINST THIS 9<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2021.**

ATTEST:



  
Boots M. Campbell, Clerk & Recorder

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO**

  
Gary Moyer, Chairman

  
Jeff Rector, Commissioner

  
Ty Gates, Commissioner