



**PROCLAMATION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO**

**WHEREAS**, Colorado is a Right to Farm State and Archuleta County is very proud of our agricultural heritage and of the approximately 400 farms in the County. These farms and ranches serve as a testament to the determination and perseverance of families who continue to provide a sustainable and affordable food source to the people of Colorado and the world; and

**WHEREAS**, cattle and other livestock production has historically been, and continues to be, a valuable economic driver in Archuleta County, bringing over \$15 million to the state economy each year; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 170,000 jobs in Colorado are related to agribusiness, which contributes more than \$40 billion annually to the Colorado economy; and

**WHEREAS**, eating meat supplies the body with essential nutrients in quality and quantity superior to those provided by an all plant-based diet, including sources of zinc, vitamins B12 and D, and essential fatty acids; and

**WHEREAS**, this board will not disparage any economic engine that supports the residents of this great state, but it will call out dangerous actions by elected officials that risk the economic health, safety and welfare of the people who call Colorado home, not the least of which are the families who work the land, care for the livestock, plant the crops, provide the nourishment for our bodies, and preserve the way of life that is crucial to this state's and county's security and success.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, by the Board of Archuleta County Commissioners, that in honor of the Archuleta County men and women who work hard every day to preserve an industry and food security vital to the State of Colorado and the nation, that the 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021, is proclaimed Archuleta County Ranching, Livestock and Meat-IN Day.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 16th day of March, 2021, in Pagosa Springs, Archuleta County, Colorado.

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Alvin Schaaf, Chairman