



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

WHEREAS, National Agriculture Week is March 21-27, 2023 to recognize the importance of farmers and ranchers who produce food, fiber, and fuel for the United States and the world; and,

WHEREAS, Archuleta County has a long and rich history of agricultural production; and,

WHEREAS, Archuleta County farmers and ranchers are a vital component of our local economy and communities, providing jobs throughout the farm and food industry, including employment for farmers, farmworkers, scientists, processors, shippers, and retailers; and,

WHEREAS, the stewardship of Archuleta County farmers and ranchers protects our natural resources and wildlife and ensures a sustainable resource base for future generations; and,

WHEREAS, Archuleta County farmers and ranchers produce agricultural products that embrace the local food markets and beyond providing safe and wholesome quality products to their neighbors; and,

WHEREAS, Archuleta County recognizes the importance that agriculture plays in assuring the future progress and prosperity of the County's economy and health.

NOW THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE FOLLOWING:

We hereby officially proclaim **March 21-27, 2023** as "**NATIONAL AGRICULTURE WEEK**" in the County of Archuleta, Colorado; and call upon the citizens of Archuleta County to recognize the importance of our agricultural industry, from field to plate, and to celebrate this week with appropriate events, activities, and nutritious meals made with Archuleta County's "homegrown" ingredients.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of March, 2023, in Pagosa Springs, Archuleta County, Colorado.

Ronnie Maez, Chairman