**International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists 2026**

***PROCLAMATION TEMPLATE:***

***Any PLACE, USA*, Proclamation**

ProclaIming (*Date or Date Range*) 2026 a (*Day, Week, Month, or Year*) of celebration of Rangelands and Pastoralists in Solidarity with international communities AND in conjunction with the United Nations designation of 2026 the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists

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**Whereas**, these natural ecosystems include prairies, grasslands, pampas, shrublands, wetlands, woodlands, savannas, chaparrals, steppes, and tundra; and,

**Whereas**, rangelands are economically, socially and culturally vital to human communities through an array of ecological services, including food and fiber production (livestock, hay, forage, etc.), water resources, biodiversity, wildlife habitat, and carbon sequestration and storage, and provide renewable and nonrenewable energy resources, and aesthetic and recreational opportunities; and,

**Whereas**, pastoralists are people who raise livestock or semi-domesticated animals on rangelands, including ranchers, nomads and transhumant herders; and,

**Whereas**, pastoral peoples have stewarded rangelands for millennia through deep knowledge and connections with the land; and,

**Whereas**, pastoralism exists in one form or another across six continents and a multitude of cultures; and,

**Whereas**, shared experiences of land, livestock and stewardship connect pastoralists around the world through historical knowledge and integration of new technologies toward sustainable rangelands; and,

**Whereas**, the United Nations, in recognition of the vital nature of Rangelands and the significance of pastoralism to the stewardship and societal benefits of rangelands, designated 2026 the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists; and,

**Whereas**, national, regional, provincial, and local governments around the world will celebrate the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists in 2026 through education, advertisements, film (documentaries, festivals, etc.) and adoption of national and local policies that are supportive of rangelands and pastoralists.

**Now, Therefore**, be it resolved that, I, (*name of Mayor, Governor, other executive officer*), do hereby proclaim (*provide date for a day, week, month or year*) Rangeland and Pastoralists (*day, week, month, year*) throughout (*town, county, state, etc.*) in solidarity with the United Nations International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists 2026.

I encourage all businesses and community members (*or communities of county, state, etc.*) to take advantage of resources available from (links to SRM, IYRP, UN, etc.) and to celebrate the valuable contributions Rangelands and Pastoralists provide our (*community, county, state, etc.*).

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***(A GOVERNING BODY)* Resolution**

Urging (*A GOVERNING BODY*) to consider the importance of rangelands and pastorAlists and adopt policies that further sustain rangeland health and pastorialist livelihoods

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**Be It Resolved** by the (*legislative branch*) of the (*numerical legislative session*), (*legislative order; city, county council, state legislature, etc.*) of (*city, county, state, etc.*) that the (*community, county, state*) is urged to consider the economic, social, and ecological importance of rangelands and the pastoralists that steward these lands and consider adopting policies that will further sustain rangeland health and the livelihoods of pastoralists.

**Be It Further Resolved** that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the (*mayor, county executive, governor, etc.*), (*agency chairs*), and (*other executive branch officials if needed*).