

In Recognition of
**International Year of
Rangelands and Pastoralist**
August

WHEREAS, the United Nations and governments around the world are celebrating the 2026 International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists through education, outreach and adoption of policies that are supportive of rangelands and pastoralists; and

WHEREAS, California Public Resources Code defines rangelands as “land on which the existing vegetation, whether growing naturally or through management, is suitable for grazing or browsing of domestic livestock for at least a portion of the year. Rangeland includes any natural grasslands, savannas, shrublands (including chaparral), deserts, wetlands, and woodlands (including Eastside ponderosa pine, pinyon, juniper, and oak) which support a vegetative cover of native grasses, grasslike plants, forbs, shrubs, or naturalized species.” (CA Public Resources Code section 4789.2 e.); and

WHEREAS, these natural ecosystems in Alameda County include 188,000 acres (40% of Alameda County) of private and public grasslands, shrublands, wetlands, woodlands, chaparrals; and the 2024 Alameda County Crop Report states that livestock is the second largest agricultural commodity; and

WHEREAS, rangelands are economically, socially, and culturally vital to Alameda County and the region through an array of ecological services, including food and fiber production, water resources, biodiversity, wildlife habitat, carbon sequestration and storage, renewable energy resources, and aesthetic and recreational opportunities to the community; and

WHEREAS, pastoralists are people who raise livestock on rangelands, including the men and women ranchers of Alameda County who have stewarded these lands for generations, combining experience, innovation, science, and sustainable land management practices to support healthy rangelands and livestock production.

NOW, THEREFORE, this Board of Supervisors, County of Alameda, State of California does hereby proclaim 2026 as the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists in Alameda County and celebrates the importance of rangelands, ranchers, and pastoralists whose stewardship helps sustain the county's agricultural heritage, natural resources, biodiversity, economic vitality, and environmental resilience; and encourages residents to learn more about the value of rangelands and the contributions of those who care for them

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