

RESOLUTION # _____

“RESOLUTION TO PROHIBIT OPEN CARRY FOR ALL COUNTY BUILDINGS and FACILITIES, EFFECTIVE JULY 15, 2025”

WHEREAS, Wyoming Statutes §§ 18-5-201 to 18-5-208; §§ 18-5-301 to 19-5-315 authorize Laramie County, in promoting the public health, safety, morals and general welfare of the county, to regulate the use of land through zoning in unincorporated Laramie County; and,

WHEREAS, W.S. § 16-3-103(b) authorizes the Board of Laramie County Commissioners to adopt emergency rules in advance of the provision of notice and opportunity to be heard by the public pursuant to W.S. § 16-3-103(a); and,

WHEREAS, the Wyoming legislature has passed an Act repealing designated gun-free zones under the 2025 Wyoming session laws, chapter 61, also referred to as HB 0172, creating Wyoming Statute § 6-8-105 and,

WHEREAS, W.S. § 6-8-105(d)(iii) allowing concealed carry of firearms pursuant to its terms further provides that a governmental entity may prohibit the open carry, display or wearing of a firearm in its facilities and,

WHEREAS, in order to ensure a safe and secure environment for the public, visitors and employees, the open carry, display or wearing of a firearm in and upon all Laramie County facilities, including but not limited to, buildings, structures and property owned and controlled by the County, shall be prohibited and,

WHEREAS, the effective date of the aforementioned legislation being July 1, 2025, the Board of Laramie County Commissioners find that the impact to the health, safety and welfare to citizens of the County is significant enough to invoke emergency rules as promulgated under W.S. § 16-3-103;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF LARAMIE COUNTY, WYOMING, pursuant to W.S. § 16-3-103(b) and 6-8-105(d)(iii), the open carry, display or wearing of a firearm in Laramie County facilities, including but not limited to, buildings, structures and property owned and controlled by the County, shall be prohibited. “Facilities”, for the purpose of this definition shall adopt the definition found in W.S. § 6-6-301(a)(ii) which means “any lands, buildings and structures” and shall not include public roads. Effective, the date of the execution of this resolution which shall be contemporaneously filed with the Laramie County Clerk pursuant to W.S. § 16-3-101(b)(viii), providing an exception to shooting sports facility at the Archer complex pursuant to its own policy as amended if necessary, and as otherwise excepted by Wyoming Statute.

FURTHER, that any violation of this resolution will be referred to local law enforcement and the Laramie County District Attorney.

PRESENTED, READ AND ADOPTED this _____ day of July, 2025.

BOARD OF LARAMIE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Gunnar Malm, Chairman

ATTEST:

Debra Lee, Laramie County Clerk

Reviewed and approved as to form:

Laramie County Attorney