

RESOLUTION # _____
A PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING MARCH 2021 AS THE
19th ANNUAL MARCH FOR MEALS MONTH

WHEREAS, on March 22, 1972, President Richard Nixon signed into law a measure that amended the Older Americans Act of 1965 and established a national nutrition program for seniors 60 years and older; and

WHEREAS, Meals on Wheels America established the March for Meals campaign in March 2002 to recognize the historic month, the importance of the Older Americans Act Nutrition Programs, both congregate and home-delivered, and raise awareness about the escalating problem of senior hunger in America; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 observance of March for Meals celebrates 19 years of providing an opportunity to support Meals on Wheels programs that deliver vital and critical services by donating, volunteering and raising awareness about senior hunger and isolation; and

WHEREAS, Meals on Wheels programs – both congregate and home-delivered, in Laramie County have served our communities admirably for over 50 years; and

WHEREAS, volunteers for Meals on Wheels programs in Laramie County are the backbone of the program and they not only deliver nutritious meals to seniors and individuals with disabilities who are at significant risk of hunger and isolation, but also caring concern and attention to their welfare; and

WHEREAS, The Meals on Wheels program in Laramie County provides nutritious meals to seniors throughout the county that help them maintain their health and independence, thereby preventing unnecessary falls, hospitalizations and/or premature institutionalization; and

WHEREAS, The Meals on Wheels program in Laramie County provides a powerful opportunity for social connection for seniors to help combat the negative health effects and economic consequences of loneliness and isolation; and

WHEREAS, The Meals on Wheels program in Laramie County deserve recognition for the heroic contributions and essential services they have provided amid the COVID-19 pandemic and will continue to provide to Laramie County, Wyoming, and our Nation long after it is over.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF LARAMIE COUNTY, WYOMING, do hereby proclaim March 2021 as the 19th Annual March for Meals Month and urge every citizen to take this month to honor our Meals on Wheels programs, the seniors they serve and the volunteers who care for them. Our recognition of, and involvement in, the National 2021 March for Meals can enrich our entire community and help combat senior hunger and isolation in America.

PRESENTED, READ AND ADOPTED this _____ day of March, 2021.

BOARD OF LARAMIE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Gunnar Malm, Chairman

Date

ATTEST:

Debra Lee, Laramie County Clerk

Date

Approved as to form: _____

Laramie County Attorney's Office

Date