



A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA SUPPORTING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LIVINGSTON ROUNDUP RODEO'S 100 BUCKIN' YEARS EVENT.

WHEREAS, in 1924 Charley Murphy, owner of the Ox Yoke Ranch, now known as the Mountain Sky Ranch, and other Livingston residents held the inaugural 3-day rodeo on Labor Day weekend, later known as the Livingston Roundup Rodeo, with \$2,500 in prize money—equivalent to \$43,300 in 2024; and

WHEREAS, in 1924 a Livingston Roundup Rodeo ticket could be purchased for \$1 from the rodeo office located across the street from the Park Hotel; and

WHEREAS, this "Rodeo and Jamboree" event included 3 days of rodeo and 2 days of parades, dances, and other entertainment in which "Livingston Streets were filled with exemplars of the early western days swaggering about in bow-legged chaps and eye-filling shirts" (quoted from the 1924 Livingston Enterprise); and

WHEREAS, the Rodeo was held on the "island"—now the Park County Fairgrounds—followed by a dance at the "island pavilion", with other activities occurring in downtown Livingston designed not to "imitate the Bozeman roundup" (quoted from the 1924 Livingston Enterprise, quoting the Bozeman Chronicle); and

WHEREAS, the Livingston Roundup Association was incorporated in 1928 with a stated purpose "to give shows, rodeos, roundups, to hold riding contests, roping contests, bull-dogging contests, horse races and to give on any and all other amusements in the City of Livingston or other places in the County of Park and any and all money or profit over and above any and all expense of the operation shall be used for the purpose of advertising the County of Park and for the purpose of beautifying the City of Livingston, Montana"; and

WHEREAS, 100 years seems like forever, but on July 2, 3, and 4, 2024, the century mark for the Livingston Roundup Rodeo will be reached; and

WHEREAS, rodeos, such as the Livingston Roundup Rodeo, pay homage and tribute to the rich western history, heritage, and lifestyle of the State of Montana and its residents; and

WHEREAS, agriculture and tourism are important foundations to the economy of the State of Montana; and

WHEREAS, the Livingston Roundup Rodeo is now sanctioned by both the Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association and the Women's Professional Rodeo Association with an estimated purse of \$250,000 and is attended by approximately 15,000 spectators; and

WHEREAS, these rodeo spectators come not only from Park and Gallatin Counties, but a substantial portion come from all over the United States, Canada, and Europe, as the Livingston Roundup Rodeo has become a destination event for those vacationing in Montana and Yellowstone National Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

That in 2024 there will be a celebration of the 100 Buckin' Years of the Livingston Roundup Rodeo.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all are encouraged to help plan, develop, participate in, and attend the 100 Buckin' Years event in Livingston, Park County, Montana, on July 2, 3, and 4, 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State send a copy of this resolution to the Governor, all state agency directors, and to each member of the Montana Congressional Delegation.

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I hereby certify that the within bill,
HJ 7, originated in the House.

Chief Clerk of the House

Speaker of the House

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2023.

President of the Senate

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2023.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7

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