

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**ENTITLED: “A RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT THE MUNICIPALITIES OF LARAMIE COUNTY HAVE AGREED THAT THE CURRENT STATE STATUTES REGARDING THE DESIGNATION OF LIQUOR LICENSES ISSUED BY THE GOVERING BODIES OF SAID MUNICIPALITES ARE STIFLING ECONOMIC GROWTH, AND ARE REQUESTING THE STATE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES AND STATE LEGISLATURE REVIEW, CONSIDER, AND ADOPT MODIFICATIONS TO STATE STATUTES REGARDING SAID LICENSES.”**

WHEREAS, the municipalities of Laramie County recognize the need for improvement for quality of life throughout Laramie County through existing residents as well as prospective new residents. This would include but not limited to our workforce development strategy to encourage the residents who reside in Laramie County to stay here for quality of life and not seeking entertainment in other locales, and

WHEREAS, due to recent census data and the current structure of State Statutes on Liquor Licenses it has been determined by the municipalities of Laramie County that the State Statutes are stifling economic growth in not only large but smaller communities, and

WHEREAS, the municipalities of Laramie County recognize that tourism is the number two industry in Wyoming. The modifications to State Statutes on issuance of liquor licenses for new development will create an atmosphere of community and not as a pass through to other locales, and

WHEREAS, the municipalities of Laramie County have recognized the entrepreneurial spirit of license applicants, causing the governing bodies to be placed in a precarious situation of picking “winners and losers” amongst a variety of qualified candidates. The municipalities of Laramie County believe this is detrimental to a free market economy, and

WHEREAS, the municipalities of Laramie County have recognized the necessity of local control regarding liquor licenses as it is the municipality who administers the emergency services and law enforcement, and

WHEREAS, the municipalities of Laramie County have recognized the nationwide trend that most new liquor establishments are locating to former industrial, historical, and warehouse districts in dilapidated areas, revitalizing many blighted areas throughout the municipalities, and

WHEREAS, the municipalities of Laramie County have requested the Wyoming Association of Municipalities to draft a similar resolution on this topic to address but not limited to, licenses regarding grocery store / convenience store sales, entertainment venues, gaming facilities, food trucks, and removal of the census requirements, and

WHEREAS, the municipalities of Laramie County request that upon passage of the modifications to State Statutes that they become effective immediately and not July 1, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODIES OF LARAMIE COUNTY, WYOMING, that the municipalities of Laramie County hereby request the state legislative committees and state legislature review, consider, and adopt modifications to current State Statutes regarding the issuance of liquor licenses in the municipalities of all Wyoming communities.

PRESENTED, READ, AND ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022

CITY OF CHEYENNE

BY:

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Patrick Collins, Mayor

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

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Kristina F. Jones, City Clerk

TOWN OF ALBIN

BY:

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Kelly Krakow, Mayor

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

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Jillian Kriz, Clerk

TOWN OF BURNS

BY:

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Jim Clark, Mayor

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

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Toni Shiery, Clerk

TOWN OF PINE BLUFFS

BY:

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Justin Fornstrom, Mayor

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

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Jackie Fornstrom, Clerk