

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. HJ0006

Wyoming local food production.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Berger, Blake, Harvey,
Hunt, Jennings, Laursen, Lindholm, McKim,
Northrup, Petroff, Sommers and Winters and
Senator(s) Cooper, Driskill and Kinskey

A JOINT RESOLUTION

for

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION supporting policy initiatives that
2 promote local food production in Wyoming and recognizing
3 the value of growing, raising, processing and marketing
4 local food products as an important segment of Wyoming
5 agriculture.

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7 WHEREAS, Wyoming has a strong history of self-reliance,
8 independence and providing a variety of foods to our
9 families and communities; and

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11 WHEREAS, Wyoming farmers, ranchers and growers across the
12 state are establishing diversified agricultural businesses
13 which produce high quality and healthy vegetables, meats,
14 eggs, milk and fruits for expanding consumer markets
15 including farmers markets, farm-to-table, restaurants,

1 community supported agriculture programs and school
2 districts; and

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4 WHEREAS, these Wyoming producers are increasing local food
5 security, expanding job opportunities and increasing
6 economic prosperity for Wyoming's rural and urban
7 communities; and

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9 WHEREAS, the Wyoming business council has documented that
10 local farmer's markets in Wyoming contribute over two
11 million dollars (\$2,000,000.00) to the local economy, local
12 agricultural markets, and create long term jobs
13 contributing over six hundred fifty thousand dollars
14 (\$650,000.00) in labor income; and

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16 WHEREAS, there is great potential to expand the number and
17 diversity of local food producers in Wyoming; and

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19 WHEREAS, the University of Wyoming, Wyoming department of
20 agriculture and other agencies have increased support of
21 local food education and development; and

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1 WHEREAS, the Wyoming legislature has passed several bills
2 in recent years to expand local food production
3 opportunities for Wyoming producers; and
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5 WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of Wyoming to support
6 these local food producers through innovative policy
7 initiatives and reduced regulation.
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9 *NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE*
10 *LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING:*
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12 **Section 1.** That the legislature of the state of
13 Wyoming supports and recognizes the benefit of locally
14 grown foods to our economy and to the health of our
15 citizens.
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17 **Section 2.** That the legislature of the state of
18 Wyoming urges cooperative support, educational resources
19 and technical assistance from Wyoming executive agencies
20 and educational institutions to promote local food
21 production and consumer opportunities.
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1 **Section 3.** That the legislature of the state of
2 Wyoming supports initiatives which encourage development of
3 local and regional food systems including, but not limited
4 to, local procurement laws, farm-to-school programs,
5 cottage foods, food hubs, independent livestock feeding
6 operations and meat processing and encourages private
7 investment and entrepreneurship and public-private
8 partnerships to further the establishment of a local food
9 base for Wyoming consumers.

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11 **Section 4.** That the Secretary of State of Wyoming
12 transmit copies of this resolution to the members of the
13 Wyoming County Commissioners Association, Wyoming
14 Association of Municipalities and the Wyoming School Board
15 Association.

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17 (END)