

PROCLAMATION

Red Desert Week

Whereas, the Red Desert of south-central Wyoming stretches across more than six million acres of predominantly public land, some of the last of the open range and a true remnant of the Old West, and

whereas, the Red Desert represents one of the finest remaining examples of a relatively intact sagebrush ecosystem, and is one of the last strongholds of declining sagebrush wildlife such as the sage grouse, pygmy rabbit, burrowing owl, and Wyoming pocket gopher, and

whereas, the Red Desert offers unparalleled hunting opportunities for big game including mule deer, pronghorn, and desert elk, and

whereas, citizens all over Wyoming benefit from the wide open spaces and impressive landscapes of the Red Desert for camping, hiking, wildlife watching, horseback riding, rockhounding, and other recreational opportunities that are found in abundance on these public lands, and

whereas, the Red Desert includes crown jewel landscapes of spectacular beauty including Adobe Town, the Boar's Tusk, the Honeycomb Buttes, and the Ferris Dunes, and

whereas, the Wyoming Association of Churches is sponsoring events all over Wyoming, including in Laramie, to celebrate the beauty and importance of the Red Desert and the need for responsible stewardship of this special and landscape of national importance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that our Mayor does hereby proclaim April 25th through May 1st Red Desert Week in this city and encourage all citizens, businesses, public and private agencies, religious and educational institutions to join in Red Desert Week festivities that begin at 4 p.m. on Thursday, April 28th in the Family Room of the Student Union at UW, include a potluck at Trinity Lutheran Church at 5:30, and culminate with presentations and an Art Show at 6:30 p.m. at the Robert and Carol Berry Biodiversity Conservation Center on the UW campus.

DATED and signed this 19th day of April 2011.

Scott A. Mullner
Mayor of Laramie

Attest:

Sue Morris-Jones, MMC
City Clerk