

## 1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

28 WHEREAS, rodeos, such as the Livingston Roundup Rodeo, pay homage and tribute to the rich

1 western history, heritage, and lifestyle of the State of Montana and its residents; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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