

**TOWN OF PARACHUTE
RESOLUTION NO. 2021-15**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PARACHUTE, COLORADO
OPPOSING BALLOT INITIATIVE 16 IN ORDER TO PROTECT OUR LIVESTOCK
INDUSTRY AND PREVENT NEEDLESS ANIMAL SUFFERING**

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2021, a citizens initiative entitled " Protect Animals from Unnecessary Suffering and Exploitation" (PAUSE) was approved by the Title Board of the Colorado Secretary of State for petition to the November 2022 General Election as Initiative 16; and

WHEREAS, the initiative would broadly redefine animal sexual abuse in a manner that would criminalize many common and necessary veterinary and animal husbandry practices; and

WHEREAS, the initiative would additionally require tremendous delays in some cases years, prior to the humane slaughter of livestock for food; and

WHEREAS, these delays (of up to one-quarter of an animals statutorily defined lifespan) would greatly increase the costs to ranchers to feed and care for these animals which at slaughter would produce meat of low value to the consumer at much higher purchase costs; and

WHEREAS, for many meat producing animal varieties (specifically poultry) bred for rapid weight gain, the result of delayed slaughter will be the suffering of morbidly obese animals unable to support their own body weight for years prior to processing; and

WHEREAS, it has been reported that even the Governor of Colorado agrees that the PAUSE initiative would "hurt Colorado, and destroy jobs"; and

WHEREAS, this Council abhors the infliction of needless suffering of animals recognizes that our cattle and livestock producers take great effort to treat their animals humanely; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council believes it is in the best interests of the Town for the Town Council to oppose Initiative 16 (PAUSE).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PARACHUTE, COLORADO THAT:

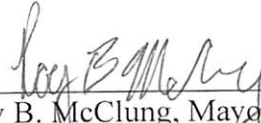
Section 1. The Council opposes this Initiative and urges the Governor of Colorado and Commissioner of the Colorado Department of Agriculture to continue to do the same; and

Section 2. Urges all citizens of the Town of Parachute to decline to sign any petition that supports placing Initiative 16 (PAUSE) on the November 2022 ballot; and

Section 3. That all people that care about the well-being of animals - be they livestock, pets, service animals, or other - take action to defeat this measure if it does make the November 2022 ballot.

Ø **INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED, AND ADOPTED** as provided by law, by a vote of 5 to Ø of the Town Council of the Town of Parachute, Colorado, at a regular meeting held at the Town of Parachute, Colorado, on the 20th day of May 2021 and approved by the Mayor on the 20th day of May, 2021.

**TOWN COUNCIL OF THE
TOWN OF PARACHUTE, COLORADO**

By: 
Roy B. McClung, Mayor

ATTEST:


Lucy Spalenka, Town Clerk

