

ENROLLED ACT NO. 95, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SIXTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING  
2019 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to holidays; making legislative findings; designating the third week of September as Wyoming Cowboy and Cowgirl Legacy Week; and providing for an effective date.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

**Section 1.**

(a) The legislature finds the following:

(i) Pioneering men and women, today honored with the title "cowboy" and "cowgirl", were integral to the founding and development of Wyoming;

(ii) Cowboys and cowgirls transcend ethnicity, gender, geographic boundaries and political affiliations;

(iii) The cowboy and cowgirl today exemplify the Code of the West, which accentuates the values of courage, pride, persistence, hard work, toughness, fairness, fidelity, loyalty, honesty, directness, integrity and a principles-based lifestyle;

(iv) The cowboy and cowgirl are fiercely independent, preserve an innovative spirit and remain committed to the ideal of equality, underscoring the core values of Wyoming today;

(v) The cowboy and cowgirl are responsible stewards of Wyoming's natural heritage, living off the land and working to protect and enhance the environment for future generations;

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(vi) The cowboy and cowgirl continue to be an important part of Wyoming's economy and make products valued in markets across the United States and internationally;

(vii) Ensuring that future generations of Wyomingites are steeped in cowboy and cowgirl heritage, values and spirit is crucial to the future success of Wyoming in an ever-changing world; and

(viii) A designated occasion each year will allow individuals, families, children and the greater Wyoming community to reflect upon cowboy and cowgirl values, the integral role that cowboys and cowgirls have played in the development of this state and the important contribution that the cowboy and cowgirl spirit will make to the future of Wyoming.

**Section 2.** W.S. 8-4-113 is created to read:

**8-4-113. Wyoming Cowboy and Cowgirl Legacy Week.**

(a) The third calendar week of September is declared to be "Wyoming Cowboy and Cowgirl Legacy Week".

(b) Wyomingites are encouraged to observe Wyoming Cowboy and Cowgirl Legacy Week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

(c) The Wyoming department of education shall encourage schools and teachers to commemorate Wyoming Cowboy and Cowgirl Legacy Week through appropriate activities, including study of the Code of the West and cowboy and cowgirl related history and literature.

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(d) The University of Wyoming is encouraged to continue to promote and safeguard the cowboy and cowgirl as an emblematic symbol of Wyoming and instill students with knowledge of cowboy and cowgirl values.

**Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2019.

(END)

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Governor

TIME APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

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Chief Clerk