

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 BILL

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, honey, 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, Wyoming Business Council and other agencies  
21 have increased support of local food education and  
22 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, to the security of our food  
15 supply and to the health of our citizens and recognizes  
16 local food production as a vital component of Wyoming's  
17 agricultural economy.  
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19       **Section 2.** That the legislature of the state of  
20 Wyoming urges cooperative and financial support,  
21 educational resources and technical assistance from Wyoming  
22 executive agencies and educational institutions to promote  
23 local food production and consumer opportunities.

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2           **Section 3.** That the legislature of the state of  
3 Wyoming supports initiatives which encourage development of  
4 local and regional food systems including, but not limited  
5 to, local procurement laws, farm-to-school programs,  
6 cottage foods, food hubs, independent livestock feeding  
7 operations and in-state meat processing and encourages  
8 private investment and entrepreneurship and public-private  
9 partnerships to further the establishment of a local food  
10 base for Wyoming consumers.

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

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