

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0130

Wyoming Cowboy Legacy Week.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Paxton, Hunt, Sommers and
Walters and Senator(s) Boner, Driskill, Landen
and Moniz

A BILL

for

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

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

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7 **Section 1.**

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9 (a) The legislature finds the following:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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16 **8-4-113. Wyoming Cowboy Legacy Week.**

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

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

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

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

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

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