

ENROLLED SENATE

RESOLUTION NO. 72 By: Mickle, Harrison, Brown, Cain, Campbell, Capps, Dickerson, Douglass, Dunlap, Easley, Fair, Fisher, Ford, Gustafson, Haney, Helton, Hendrick, Henry, Herbert, Hobson, Horner, Kerr, Laughlin, Leftwich, Littlefield, Long, Maddox, Martin, Milacek, Monson, Morgan, Muegge, Price, Rabon, Roberts, Robinson, Rozell, Shurden, Smith, Snyder, Stipe, Taylor, Weedn, Wilcoxson, Wilkerson, Williams, Williamson and Wright

A Resolution declaring May 1998 as "Beef Month" in the State of Oklahoma; declaring May 5, 1998, as "Beef Day" at the Oklahoma State Capitol; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Oklahoma beef producers contribute over four billion dollars annually to the state's economy, by raising over six million head of cattle per year and creating over 100,000 jobs for fellow Oklahomans; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma beef producers are dedicated to producing a safe, wholesome and healthful product. Beef quality is a reflection and result of the producers' commitment to the highest standards and the most careful practices; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma beef producers are proud of the role they have played for more than one hundred years in providing excellent care of animals, serving as stewards of our land and natural resources and putting safe and wholesome food on America's tables; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma beef producers represent a progressive and responsive industry that changes with the times to accommodate consumer preferences and the latest technologies; and

WHEREAS, throughout the history of Oklahoma, beef producers have played an integral role in the state's growth and economic prosperity, giving economic vitality to and sustaining a way of life for thousands of rural communities across our state. This collection of individual entrepreneurs comprises the largest portion of agriculture, which continues to be the largest segment of Oklahoma's economy; and

WHEREAS, in tending to their land, their animals and the natural resources they manage, Oklahoma beef cattle producers are preserving, conserving and building for the future; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma's beef cattle producers continue to rise to the challenges set before them of preserving their heritage and paving the way for future beef producers. They are celebrating their vibrant industry during the month of May.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 46TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate declares May 1998 as "Beef Month" in the State of Oklahoma.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate declares May 5, 1998, as "Beef Day" at the State Capitol.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association, the Oklahoma Beef Industry Council, the State Board of Agriculture, the Governor of Oklahoma and the Oklahoma House of Representatives.