

**SENATE RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_**

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DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION urging Governor Eric Holcomb to recognize the fourth Saturday of July each year as "National Day of the Cowboy."

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MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1           A SENATE RESOLUTION urging Governor Eric  
2 Holcomb to recognize the fourth Saturday of July each year as  
3 "National Day of the Cowboy."

4           *Whereas, Indiana pioneering men and women, known as*  
5 *cowboys, helped establish America's frontiers;*

6           *Whereas, The cowboy archetype transcends gender,*  
7 *generations, ethnicity, and geographical boundaries;*

8           *Whereas, The cowboy embodies honesty, integrity, courage,*  
9 *compassion, determination and loyalty, and the cowboy spirit*  
10 *exemplifies patriotism and strength of character;*

11           *Whereas, The cowboy is an excellent steward of the land*  
12 *and its creatures, and the core values expressed within the*  
13 *Cowboy Code of Conduct continue to inspire the pursuit of the*  
14 *highest caliber of personal integrity;*

15           *Whereas, The cowboy and his horse are a central figure in*  
16 *literature, art, film, poetry, photography and music in Indiana,*  
17 *and the cowboy is a true American icon occupying a central*  
18 *place in the public's imagination and the world's most popular*

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1 *folk hero;*

2 *Whereas, Cowboy tradition continues on through the state's*  
 3 *strong agricultural practices, and Indiana currently has*  
 4 *approximately 61,000 farms and 15,000,000 acres of farmland;*

5 *Whereas, Membership participation in the National Day of*  
 6 *the Cowboy Organization, Single Action Shooting Society,*  
 7 *Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association, American Quarter*  
 8 *Horse Association, Pro Rodeo Cowboys Association, Women's*  
 9 *Pro Rodeo, Working Ranch Rodeo Association, Championship*  
 10 *Bull Riding, the Western Music Association, and other*  
 11 *organizations that encompass the livelihood of the cowboy,*  
 12 *continues to expand both nationally and internationally;*

13 *Whereas, Multiple other states, including east coast states*  
 14 *such as Virginia and New York which were not even home to*  
 15 *cowboys or western culture in the past, have passed resolutions*  
 16 *recognizing "National Day of the Cowboy" in recent years; and*

17 *Whereas, It is fitting that Indiana should join these other*  
 18 *states in recognizing "National Day of the Cowboy" because*  
 19 *the cowboy, and the honorable values for which it stands, is*  
 20 *strongly embedded in Indiana heritage: Therefore,*

21 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*  
 22 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

23 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate urges Governor Eric  
 24 Holcomb to recognize the fourth Saturday of July each year as  
 25 "National Day of the Cowboy."

26 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed  
 27 to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Governor Eric  
 28 Holcomb, Jerry Bentley, Vice Chairman of the National Day of  
 29 the Cowboy Corporation, and Bethany Braley, Chairman,  
 30 Executive Director, and Publisher of the National Day of the  
 31 Cowboy Corporation.

