

Proclamation of the Livingston City Commission

Recognizing that the 2024 Edition of the Livingston Roundup Rodeo will be the 100th Anniversary of the 1924 Inaugural Rodeo and Encourages Participation in and Enjoyment of the “100 Bucking Years” Event.

WHEREAS, Charley Murphy, owner of the then Ox Yoke Ranch (now Mountain Sky Ranch) and other local community members were instrumental in establishing the 1924 inaugural three-day event held on Labor Day Weekend in 1924 with prize money of \$2,500.00 (\$43,300 in 2024) dollars; and

WHEREAS, in 1924, a ticket to the Livingston Roundup Rodeo could be purchased for one dollar from the rodeo office located across the street from the Park Hotel; and

WHEREAS, the “Rodeo and Jamboree” included three days of parades, dances and other entertainment during which events “Livingston Streets were filled with exemplars of the early western days swaggering about in bow-legged chaps and eye-filling shirts.” (quotes from the 1924 Livingston Enterprise); and

WHEREAS, the Rodeo was held on the “island,” followed by a dance at the “island pavilion” which events competed with other activities designed not to “imitate the Bozeman roundup.” (quotes from the 1924 Livingston Enterprise, quoting the Bozeman Chronicle); and

WHEREAS, 100 years seems like forever, but on July 2, 3 and 4, 2024, the century mark for the Livingston Roundup Rodeo will occur which is a date rapidly approaching at which time the total payout will have morphed from in 1924 to an estimated payout of \$250,000, and attended by approximately 15,000 spectators;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that 2024 there will be a celebration of “100 Bucking Years” event of the Livingston Roundup Rodeo and that with this advanced notice all are encouraged to help plan, develop, participate in and attend the “100 Buckin Years” unforgettable event.

THEREFORE, I MELISSA NOOTZ, Chairperson of the City of Livingston Recognizing that the 2024 Edition of the Livingston Roundup Rodeo will be the 100th Anniversary of the 1924 Inaugural Rodeo and Encourages Participation in and Enjoyment of the “100 Bucking Years” Event.

Signed this 16 day of Nov, 2022


Melissa Nootz, Chair
Livingston City Commission




Faith Kinnick,
Recording Secretary