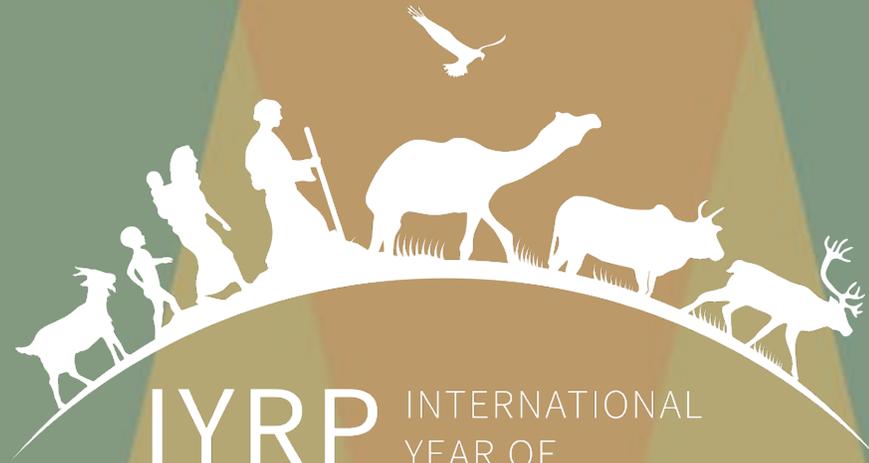


Proclamations and Resolutions

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What are Proclamations and Resolutions?

- A **Proclamation** is “an official statement or announcement made by a person in power or by a government” (Britannica Dictionary). Generally, given by executive officials (governor, mayor, president, etc.).
- A **Resolution** is an official decision made after a group or organization has voted. It is a formal expression of opinion or intention passed by formal organizations, legislatures, clubs, or other groups. (Cambridge Dictionary). Generally, legislative bodies (town councils, state legislatures, etc.).

Proclamation and Resolution Structure

- Three parts: Title, Reasoning (Whereas) statements, Conclusion (call to action)
- Title: Descriptive and inclusive of relevant details. For example:

ANY TOWN, USA, PROCLAMATION

PROCLAIMING MARCH 2026 A MONTH OF CELEBRATION OF RANGELANDS AND PASTORALISTS IN SOLIDARITY WITH INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITIES IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE UNITED NATIONS DESIGNATION OF 2026 THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF RANGELANDS AND PASTORALISTS

Or

HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE STATE TO CONSIDER THE IMPORTANCE OF RANGELANDS AND PASTORALISTS AND ADOPT POLICIES THAT FURTHER SUSTAIN RANGELAND HEALTH AND PASTORALIST LIVELIHOODS

Proclamation and Resolution Structure

- Titles are followed by reasoning statements the “whereas” statements, for example:
- **Whereas**, rangelands are natural ecosystems in which the indigenous vegetation is predominantly grasses, grass-like plants, forbs or shrubs and cover up to (8 billion hectares or 19.8 billion acres) of land globally (54% of the terrestrial surface); and,
- Our template includes nine reasoning (whereas) statements leading to the concluding proclamation or resolution statement.
- [IYRP Proc Reso Template v4 120424.docx](#)

Proclamation and Resolution Structure

- Conclusion statements of proclamations and resolutions are a call to action
- Proclamations encourage others to respect, honor, engage with or celebrate something or someone important.
- A Resolution express opinion or intent by the legislative body.
- What your proclamation or resolution addresses is limited only by your imagination.

Proclamation and Resolution Guidelines

Steps to Engage

1. Identify Targets (City, county, State Governor/legislature)
2. Set up meetings with Officials
3. Modify Proclamation and/or Resolution
4. Ask other local groups to sign on
5. Send letter to officials
6. Provide support and outreach as needed
7. Encourage adoption in early 2026

[Guidance for Engaging in IYRP v3.docx](#)

Proclamation and Resolution Guidelines

- Example Proclamation requests:
 - Designate a day/week for Rangeland Celebration
 - Rangeland Awareness/education Day(s) (Film festival, filed day, BBQ)
 - Pastoralist/ranch recognition events (parades, rodeos, festivals, etc.)

- Example Resolution
 - Policy request
 - Funding support

- Packet Materials
 1. Cover Letter
 2. Proclamation Draft
 3. Resolution Draft
 4. Guiding document
 5. Worksheet

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Thank you



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