

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-42**

**A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING RECOGNITION OF  
BETABELEROS DAY FOR 2023**

**WHEREAS**, The University of Wyoming’s American Heritage Center is honoring on this day Betabeleros, Mexican and Mexican American sugar beet laborers whose contribution to the agricultural industry in Wyoming was vital and significant; and

**WHEREAS**, Mexican American agricultural workers have had a presence in Wyoming since the 1840s, in the cattle and sheep industries since the late 19<sup>th</sup> Century, and in the Sugar Beet industry in Wyoming since the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century; and

**WHEREAS**, The Wyoming Betabeleros’ News: La Pagina Espanol of The Powell Tribune (1927)’’ has been the topic of research from Professor Conxita Domenech and Assistant Professor Chelsea Escalante, both in UW’s Department of Modern and Classical Languages who are presenting their discussion on the topic today, which shall also feature a video appearance by Raymond Silva, of Torrington, the son of Wyoming betabeleros, one of Wyoming’s first Wyoming Mexican American educators and one of the last living Wyoming residents able to give a firsthand account of this time in the state’s beet labor history, and

**WHEREAS**, The community descended from the Betabeleros has been a significant Wyoming community and contributor to the State and Region, including the City of Mills, the Silva family being amongst those who are related to the current Mayor of the City.

**NOW THEREFORE**, The City of Mills, Wyoming hereby proclaims this to be Betabeleros Day in the City of Mills, Wyoming for 2023.

**PROCLAIMED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ day of October, 2023.**

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Mayor, Leah Juarez

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Councilman, Sara McCarthy

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Councilman, Cherie Butcher

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Councilman, Tim Sutherland

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Councilman, Brad Neumiller

ATTEST:

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City Clerk, Christine Trumbull

CERTIFICATE

I, Christine Trumbull, City Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the City of Mills at a public meeting held on August 8, 2023, and that the meeting was held accordingly to law; and that said Resolution has been duly entered in the record of the City of Mills.

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City Clerk, Christine Trumbull