

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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<b>Action:</b>	Be Adopted
<b>Vote:</b>	7 - 0 - 2
<b>Yeas:</b>	Barnhart, Dembrow, Hicks, Holvey, Jenson, Kennemer, Garrett
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	Berger, Hoyle
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	4/3

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Expresses support for designation of fourth Saturday of July as National Day of the Cowboy.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Crooked River Round-Up
- History of cattlemen and rodeos in Oregon history
- Pendleton Round-Up
- Gender neutrality of term “cowboy”
- Efforts to adopt similar legislation in other states

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** The National Day of the Cowboy campaign began in 2004 to preserve, protect and promote our cowboy and Western heritage and lobby for the passage of a national resolution designating the fourth Saturday of every July a permanent celebration on the national calendar honoring cowboys and cowgirls for their enduring contribution to the courageous, pioneering spirit of America. In 2008, the National Day of the Cowboy resolution was sponsored simultaneously in the U.S. House of Representatives (for the first time) by Arizona’s U.S. Congresswoman, Gabrielle Giffords, and in the U.S. Senate by Senator Mike Enzi, Wyoming. It passed in the Senate and the House concurrently and the National Day of the Cowboy was celebrated on July 26, 2008.

Led by the National Day of the Cowboy organization, state-by-state efforts are underway to ensure that the contribution of America’s cowboy heritage is recognized and preserved, so that the history and culture of cowboy traditions can be shared and perpetuated for the public good, through education, the arts, celebrations, gatherings, rodeos, and community activities.

Currently, at least 13 states have adopted legislation or by governor’s proclamation recognized the National Day of the Cowboy on the fourth Saturday of July. House Concurrent Resolution 25 would designate the fourth Saturday of July as National Day of the Cowboy in Oregon.