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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Weld County 150th Anniversary Celebration (2 pages; proclamation on page 2)

SESQUICENTENNIAL PROCLAMATION READ BY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, WEB SITE LAUNCHED

GREELEY, Colo. – During the Board of County Commissioners hearing on Monday January 3, 2011, Chairwoman Barbara Kirkmeyer read from a proclamation announcing 2011 as a year of celebration of Weld County's 150th



Anniversary. The proclamation, included below, recognized upcoming celebratory events and the official anniversary web site, www.weldcounty150.org.

Weld County Commissioners Sean Conway and Douglas Rademacher spoke after the reading and thanked all of the county commissioners as well as several volunteers for their work on the anniversary projects.

More than 20 volunteers, county employees and private citizens, have attended meetings and pooled resources during the past nine months in order to organize various celebratory events and educational tools.

One such tool, the traveling road show, will make a stop at each Weld County town and will offer an opportunity for people to learn about Weld County's unique history.

The web site, www.weldcounty150.org, offers another opportunity for people to not only read about the county's history but also submit their own historical items including personal stories and photographs. Each month the web site will feature a different topic relating to the history of Weld County. This month, the site features a general overview of the county's history including documents about Lewis Ledyard Weld from Yale University and a letter signed by Weld in 1861, which was recently submitted by a man from Virginia. The site also includes a story about the creation of the Weld County 150th Anniversary logo, which was designed by Weld County employee Nick Marquez. This logo will be used on all county correspondence throughout 2011 and is an example of community involvement in this celebration.

“The Weld County Commissioners are excited to celebrate the rich history of the County,” said Weld County Commissioner Douglas Rademacher. “We invite everybody to visit the web site and offer their own stories.”

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Weld County's 150th Anniversary
2011

WHEREAS, 2011 marks the 150th anniversary of Weld County's establishment as one of Colorado's original territorial counties in 1861, and

WHEREAS, the celebration of such a monumental occasion is a time to reflect on Weld County's unique history and values, and

WHEREAS, Weld County has planned a year of celebrations to mark the occasion of its sesquicentennial, and

WHEREAS, Weld County will provide a variety of educational opportunities for people of all ages to learn about Weld County's culture, history, and heritage, and

WHEREAS, Weld County has created www.weldcounty150.org to enable people to fully engage in these celebratory activities, and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners invites the public to join in the celebratory and educational opportunities planned for Weld County's 150th Anniversary.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Weld County, Colorado, that 2011 be proclaimed a year to celebrate Weld County's 150th Anniversary.

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