



## ***Proclamation***

***By City Council of Laramie***

**WHEREAS**, one of the best ways to learn more about your neighbors is to start a conversation about food; and

**WHEREAS**, Laramie, Wyoming prides itself as a dynamic cultural and economic center; and

**WHEREAS**, Laramie Main Street Alliance (LMSA) organizes Laramie International Flavor Festival. A volunteer-run week-long event that partners with University of Wyoming Global Engagement Office's International Students and Scholars to encourage sense of welcoming and belonging to our residents and international community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Laramie International Flavor Festival celebrates community-building through authentic stories and flavors of our community members' international heritage and experiences; and

**WHEREAS**, Laramie residents visit downtown venues to celebrate, recognize, and engage with international neighbors and influences; and

**WHEREAS**, in this 5<sup>th</sup> year of the festival, more than 20 downtown restaurants will be offering menu items inspired by stories that were submitted by 75+ international students and community members, representing over 40 nations; and

**WHEREAS**, Downtown Laramie restaurants' menus are increasingly reflective of the community's international influences- many keep specials on the menu permanently after the event; and

**WHEREAS**, through 5 years of stories from 200+ community members and international students representing 60+ nations the festival continues to invite Laramie residents, business owners, students, and visitors to discover the stories that make our community's international heritage so vibrant.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Sharon Cumbie, acting as Mayor and President of the governing body of the City of Laramie, Wyoming do hereby proclaim April 14-18, 2026, as

### **LARAMIE INTERNATIONAL FLAVOR FESTIVAL WEEK**

and encourage residents to recognize the positive impact of this festival in our city; to embrace and celebrate our neighbors' international heritages; and gather for shared conversation, experiences, and meals in Downtown Laramie.

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Sharon Cumbie, Mayor and President City of  
Laramie, City Council

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Nancy Bartholomew, CMC,  
City of Laramie, City Clerk