

**A RESOLUTION OF THE  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF OURAY COUNTY, COLORADO  
SUPPORTING HOUSE BILL 10-1293  
CREATING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT AND CLASSIFICATION ISSUES  
RELATED TO LAND USED FOR AGRICULTURAL AND OTHER PURPOSES**

**WHEREAS**, Ouray County, Colorado, acting by and through the Board of County Commissioners of Ouray County ("Board") is a statutory County, organized under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Colorado; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board is empowered under C.R.S. §30-11-107(e) to provide for the management of the business and concerns of Ouray County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board recognizes that the touchstone of property classification in Colorado is the actual use of the property at the time it is assessed for valuation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board values and wishes to encourage the continued agricultural use of land in Ouray County and desires that real property actively used for agricultural purposes should be protected against excessive property valuation and taxation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board believes that the classification of property as agricultural should be eliminated in those instances that such property is not used for agricultural operations; and

**WHEREAS**, House Bill 10-1293 is being proposed that would create a 9 member land assessment and classification task force ("Task Force") "to study assessment and classification of agricultural and residential land, report its findings and recommendations, and, if appropriate, propose statutory modifications to ensure that land is valued based on its actual use;" and

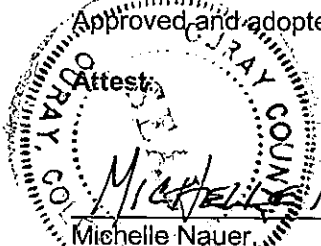
**WHEREAS**, the Board is supportive of the legislation being proposed to add language to Article 2, Title 2, Part 17 of the Colorado Revised Statutes to create the Task Force to study property tax assessment and classification of land used for agricultural and residential purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board believes that the formation of a Task Force "to study, make recommendations, and report findings on all matters relating to property tax assessment and classification in connection with land used for both agricultural and residential purposes, including, without limitation, the current system for classification of agricultural and residential property in Colorado, the fiscal, land use and other impacts of the State's current classification system and ideas for improving the current classification system" is needed; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has determined that it's Citizenry and the County would benefit from the formation of a Task Force that would provide recommendations and ideas for improving the current classification system of agricultural and residential properties.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Ouray, Colorado that Resolution 2010-012 be adopted supporting House Bill 10-1293 concerning the creation of a Task Force to study property tax assessment and classification issues related to the use of land for agricultural and residential purposes.

Approved and adopted this 15th day of March, 2010.



Attest:

*Michelle Nauer*  
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Michelle Nauer,  
County Clerk and Recorder

*Linda Munson-Haley*  
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By: Linda Munson-Haley  
Deputy Clerk of the Board

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