



*Providing a Voice for Northeast Colorado*

## RURAL COMMUNITIES

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**WHEREAS**, the destiny of all rural communities in the Progressive 15 region fundamentally depends on the ability to attract Economic Development either from within their communities or outside, and

**WHEREAS**, adequate transportation and telecommunications, are two critical tools that allow for rural communities to prosper, and

**WHEREAS**, with an aging population, limited resources, one of the highest motor vehicle death rates in the state, rural health can take on several definitions, and

**WHEREAS**, for the prevention and detection of infectious diseases, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention rely heavily on local health departments, and

**WHEREAS**, allowing tax benefits to retiring farmers or ranchers that help establish younger farm or ranch families on the land offers the reality of another generation in rural communities, and

**WHEREAS**, offering innovative financing by changing the state and federal statutes to allow the FSA (90%) guaranteed loans and the Colorado Ag bond program to be combined under one loan would encourage lenders and secure young agriculture producers in their communities.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Progressive 15 encourages legislation in the new Farm Bill to include these key points and to help secure rural community survival.

*Adopted this 5th day of June 2001.*

*Extended for 5 years this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2007*