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# PROCLAMATION

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## FFA Week in Douglas County February 21-28, 2026

**Whereas**, FFA is a national youth organization, founded in 1928 as “Future Farmers of America” and officially renamed “FFA” in 1988 to reflect the growing diversity and new opportunities in the industry of agriculture; and

**Whereas**, we recognize that FFA is not just for students who want to be production farmers, but welcomes members who aspire to be future chemists, veterinarians, government officials, bankers, entrepreneurs, teachers, doctors, scientists, international business leaders, and leading professionals in many fields; and

**Whereas**, we recognize that FFA and agricultural education provides a strong foundation for the youth of Douglas County and the future of food, fiber and natural resources systems; and

**Whereas**, we recognize that FFA programs promote leadership, personal growth and career success among its members, giving members of this dynamic youth organization the tools to achieve real-world success; and

**Whereas**, we recognize that agricultural education and FFA programs ensure a steady supply of young professionals to meet the growing needs in the art, science, business and technology of agriculture; and

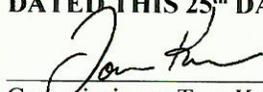
**Whereas**, we recognize that the FFA motto – “*Learning to DO, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, Living to Serve*” – gives direction and purpose to these students who take an active role in succeeding in agricultural education and rise to the challenge of service embracing members of all walks of life; and

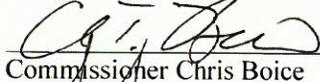
**Whereas**, we recognize that FFA promotes citizenship, volunteerism, patriotism and cooperation, and the local chapters act as the heart of the national FFA organization; and

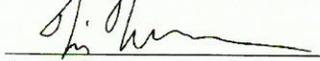
**Whereas**, we recognize and honor our ten local chapters in Douglas County, that are managed by student officers elected each year by their chapter members, and by the Agricultural Science Teachers who serve as their advisors and mentors; and

**Now, Therefore**, We, the Douglas County Board of Commissioners, Tom Kress, Chris Boice, and Tim Freeman, do hereby recognize February 21-28, 2026, as FFA Week in Douglas County, and call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.

DATED THIS 25<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026

  
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Commissioner Tom Kress, Chair

  
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Commissioner Chris Boice

  
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Commissioner Tim Freeman

