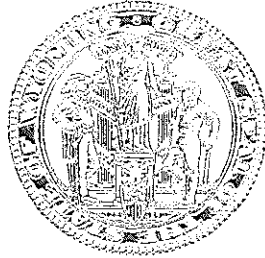


# GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION



**WHEREAS**, native wildlife populations are an integral part of Wyoming's natural environment, and serve as an indicator for the overall health of Wyoming's statewide ecosystems; and

**WHEREAS**, each year in the U.S. more than 200 people are killed in wildlife-vehicle collisions, 26,000 are injured and more than 1.5 million animals are hit on roads; and

**WHEREAS**, annually the average cost of property damage from these collisions is over \$ 1 billion and the total cost to society, such as in all resources used in responding, is nearly \$8.4 billion; and

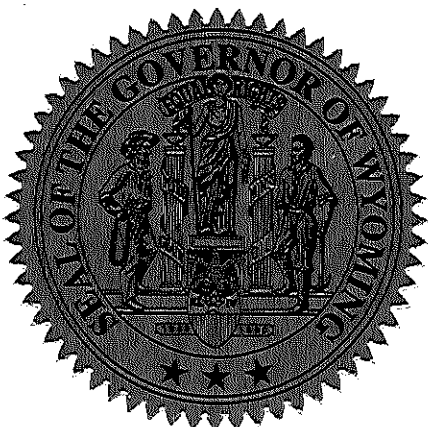
**WHEREAS**, the success of wildlife movement and survival in Wyoming remains dependent upon continued public education and increased understanding of the essential role migration corridors play in safe wildlife passage; and

**WHEREAS**, wildlife watching is one of the most popular outdoor recreational activities for residents and tourists in Wyoming,

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, MATTHEW H. MEAD, GOVERNOR**, to hereby proclaim the third week in September 2011, in the state of Wyoming, as:

## **WATCH OUT FOR WILDLIFE AWARENESS WEEK**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Executive Seal of the Governor of Wyoming to be affixed this 29<sup>th</sup> day of August 2011.



A handwritten signature of Matthew H. Mead in black ink.

Matthew H. Mead  
Governor