## **RESOLUTION 2023-17**

**WHEREAS**, the U. S. sheep industry is being decimated by excessive imports with little or no tariffs on lamb and wool.

WHEREAS, the U. S. sheep numbers have decreased by 62% and the number of operators have decreased by 60% in the last 40 years.

WHEREAS, the U. S. sheep industry is an important part of the local and national economy.

**THEREFOR,** We, the Custer County Commissioners urge Governor Noem, Senator Thune, Senator Rounds, and Representative Johnson to urge the Administration and Congress to halt the injury to the U. S. Sheep Industry caused by the excessive imports and urge the establishment of tariffs and tariff quotas then will ensure the competitiveness of the domestic sheep industry.

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Adopted this 20th day of September, 2023

Signed:

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