## **COFFEE RUBBED BURGERS (OR STEAKS)**

- 2 tbsp FRESH GROUND ESPRESSO/DARK ROAST BEANS (NOT INSTANT) REGULAR OR DECAF
- 1-1/2 tbsp LIGHT BROWN SUGAR
- 1/2 tsp GROUND CHIPOTLE CHILI PEPPER
- 1 tbsp PAPRIKA
- 1-1/2 tsp GRANULATED GARLIC POWDER
- 1/2 tsp WHOLE MUSTARD SEEDS
- 1/4 tsp HOT RED PEPPER FLAKES
- 1-1/2 tsp SEA SALT
- 1 tsp GROUND BLACK PEPPER

**FOR THE RUB:** COMBINE THE GROUND COFFEE, BROWN SUGAR, CHILI POWDER, PAPRIKA, GARLIC POWDER, MUSTARD SEEDS, HOT PEPPER FLAKES, 1-1/2 TEASPOONS SALT AND 1 TEASPOON OF PEPPER. SET ASIDE.

## FOR THE STEAKS/BURGERS:

2 (1-1/4 LBS STEAKS OR 1/2 LB BURGERS – THICKNESS MUST BE 1 INCH TO 1-1/4 INCHES THICK)

## PRE-HEAT OVEN TO 425°

BRUSH THE STEAKS ALL OVER WITH OLIVE OIL. SEASON THE STEAKS ALL OVER WITH SALT AND PEPPER.
RUB 1 TABLESPOON OF THE RUB ON ONE SIDE OF EACH STEAK/BURGER AND ALLOW THEM TO STAND AT ROOM TEMPERATURE FOR 10 MINUTES.

HEAT A DRY CAST-IRON SKILLET OVER MEDIUM-HIGH HEAT UNTIL VERY HOT (ABOUT 5-6 MINUTES). ADD THE BEEF, RUB SIDE DOWN, AND COOK WITHOUT MOVING FOR 3 MINUTES. FLIP THE BEEF OVER AND COOK FOR 2 MINUTES.

TRANSFER THE CAST-IRON PAN TO THE HOT OVEN AND COOK FOR 5 MINUTES FOR MEDIUM RARE.

REMOVE THE PAN FROM THE OVEN. REMOVE THE BEEF FROM THE SKILLET AND TRANSFER TO A PLATE, COVER WITH ALUMINUM FOIL (ADD CHEESE IF DESIRED) AND ALLOW THEM TO REST FOR 10 MINUTES.

