

SENATE RESOLUTION

8605

By Senators Becker, Warnick, Brown, King, Short, Fortunato, Walsh, Padden, Honeyford, Bailey, Wagoner, Ericksen, Zeiger, Wilson, L., and Holy

1 WHEREAS, The first creamery in Washington was started in Cheney
2 in 1880; and

3 WHEREAS, Washington's dairy industry is actually older than the
4 state itself; and

5 WHEREAS, Cows were first brought to Washington in 1838; and

6 WHEREAS, Dairy farms can be found in twenty-nine of Washington's
7 thirty-nine counties; and

8 WHEREAS, There are thirty-three certified organic dairies in
9 Washington; and

10 WHEREAS, Families across Washington have depended on the safe and
11 nutritious dairy products provided by the dairy farmers of Washington
12 state for generations; and

13 WHEREAS, Dairy is an essential part of a healthy diet, is one of
14 the major food groups represented on the United States Department of
15 Agriculture's "MyPlate" dietary guidelines, and three cups of dairy
16 products per day are recommended for people nine years old and older;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, There are approximately three hundred eighty family
19 dairy farms in Washington state with approximately two hundred
20 seventy-four thousand dairy cows; and

21 WHEREAS, Dairy ranks as the second highest agricultural commodity
22 produced in Washington, with a direct economic impact valued at three
23 hundred seventeen million dollars; and

1 WHEREAS, Washington is the tenth largest total milk producer
2 among the fifty United States; and

3 WHEREAS, Dairy Day at the legislature takes place on January
4 30, 2019, when legislators will visit with Washington dairy
5 producers and enjoy delicious dairy products that are produced
6 in Washington and handed out by the Washington State Dairy
7 Federation, Washington State Dairy Women, and the state and
8 county Dairy Ambassadors;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State
10 Senate acknowledge and honor the women and men whose work on
11 dairy farms throughout Washington has contributed much to the
12 strength and vitality of our economy, the character of our
13 communities, and the general well-being of our citizens; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be
15 immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to
16 Washington State Dairy Ambassador Abigail Zurcher, alternate
17 Ambassadors Rebecca Ford and Jacoba VanSlageren, Dairy Farmers
18 of Washington, and the Washington State Dairy Federation.

19 I, Brad Hendrickson, Secretary of the Senate,
20 do hereby certify that this is a true and
21 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8605,
22 adopted by the Senate
23 January 30, 2019

24 BRAD HENDRICKSON
25 Secretary of the Senate