

SENATE RESOLUTION

8671

By Senators Becker, Fortunato, Hawkins, Short, King, Saldaña, Warnick, Brown, Wilson, L., Zeiger, Ericksen, Wagoner, Muzzall, Sheldon, Honeyford, Padden, Walsh, O'Ban, Holy, Lovelett, Kuderer, and Rivers

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 sixty family dairy  
19 farms in Washington state with approximately two hundred seventy-  
20 seven thousand dairy cows; and

21       WHEREAS, Dairy ranks as the second highest agricultural commodity  
22 produced in Washington, with an economic impact of over five billion  
23 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  
4 February 5, 2020, when legislators will visit with Washington  
5 dairy producers and enjoy delicious dairy products that are  
6 produced in Washington and handed out by the Washington State  
7 Dairy Federation, Washington State Dairy Women, and the state  
8 and 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 Kayla VanWieringen, alternate  
17 Ambassadors Kara Teachman and Emily Rockey, Dairy Farmers of  
18 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 8671,  
22 adopted by the Senate  
23 February 5, 2020

24 BRAD HENDRICKSON  
25 Secretary of the Senate