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SCR-78 June Dairy Month. (2023-2024)







Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 78

CHAPTER 139

Relative to June Dairy Month.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 78, Niello. June Dairy Month.

This measure would proclaim the month of June to be June Dairy Month in California and would encourage all Californians to continue to support the American dairy industry by including dairy products as part of a healthy diet.

Fiscal Committee: no

WHEREAS, The national "June Dairy Month," originally known as National Milk Month, has been an annual tradition since 1937, and is an opportunity for Americans to honor dairy farmers, acknowledge dairy farmers' contributions to the economy, and recognize the importance of dairy products to a healthy diet for many Americans; and

WHEREAS, California is America's number one milk-producing state and the number two cheese-producing state; and

WHEREAS, Dairy is the state's number one agricultural commodity, generating \$57,700,000,000 in economic activity; and

WHEREAS, Ninety-nine percent of California dairy farms are family owned, and dairy farming in California has a 200-year heritage; and

WHEREAS, One hundred eighty thousand jobs depend on California's dairy industry, including 47,000 milk production and processing jobs; and

WHEREAS, The landscape, economy, health, and nutrition of California would not be the same without our approximately 1,100 family farms; and

WHEREAS, Dairy foods provide essential nutrients, including nearly 75 percent of the calcium naturally available in the food supply, as well as potassium, magnesium, and vitamin A, and milk is the number one source of calcium, potassium, phosphorus, and vitamin D in the American diet; and

WHEREAS, Dairy foods also play a beneficial role in maintaining a healthy weight; and

WHEREAS, Dairy foods, when consumed as part of a healthy diet, may help to reduce osteoporosis, hypertension, obesity, colon cancer, and metabolic syndrome, a cluster of conditions that can also lead to heart disease and type II diabetes; and

WHEREAS, California dairy farm families are leading the world in planet-smart practices, including feeding agricultural byproducts and improving reproductive efficiency, nutrition, and animal comfort, resulting in a 45-percent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions over the last 50 years, an 88-percent reduction in water usage per gallon of milk produced, and an 89-percent reduction in land use, leading to less fossil fuel, pesticide, and energy use; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby proclaims the month of June to be June Dairy Month in California, in honor of the work of dairy producers in California, and hereby encourages all Californians to continue to support the American dairy industry by including dairy products as part of a healthy diet; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.