

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 116

Reps. Alexander, Neyer, Phil Green, DeSana, Bierlein, Schuette, Young, Meerman, Beeler, Smit, Miller, Brixie, Borton, St. Germaine, Prestin, Kunse, Beson, Jaime Greene, Cavitt, Hoadley, Friske, Markkanen, Outman, BeGole, Morgan, Fink, Posthumus, VanderWall, DeBoyer, McKinney, Harris, O'Neal, Dievendorf, Thompson, Steele, Tisdell and DeBoer offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare June 2023 as Dairy Month in the state
2 of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Michigan's dairy industry is one of the largest
4 agricultural industries in our state with an annual economic impact
5 of \$24.36 billion. Our state's dairy farmers and processors play an
6 important role in feeding Michiganders and people across the
7 nation; and

8 Whereas, Michigan has 914 permitted dairy farms of all sizes

1 in our state, with farmers who take great pride in producing safe,
2 nutritious, and delicious products for Michiganders; and

3 Whereas, There are 430,000 dairy cows, which produced nearly
4 twelve billion pounds of milk in 2022, ranking Michigan sixth in
5 the nation for milk production; and

6 Whereas, Michigan ranks first in milk production per cow among
7 all states in the United States with an average of 27,430 pounds
8 produced per cow in 2022; and

9 Whereas, Michigan's dairy industry generates 111,016 jobs
10 directly and indirectly, both on and off the farm; and

11 Whereas, Michigan dairy businesses have a range of
12 technologies, from large dairy processors with automated 'robotic'
13 milking systems to smaller on-farm artisanal cheese makers. Dairy
14 processing in Michigan supports farm families and communities
15 across the state and keeps healthy, nutritious dairy products
16 affordable for all residents; and

17 Whereas, Dairy products, including milk, cheese, sour cream,
18 ice cream, and more, are both delicious and nutritious. Milk alone
19 provides 22% of the calcium, 40% of the vitamin D and 10% of the
20 potassium in the American diet. Research shows that healthy eating
21 styles, including low-fat and fat-free dairy foods, are linked to a
22 reduced risk of some of the most prevalent chronic diseases in the
23 U.S., as well as improved bone health; and

24 Whereas, National Dairy Month is traditionally celebrated in
25 June to encourage Americans to reduce the risks of osteoporosis,
26 high blood pressure, obesity, and colon cancer through consumption
27 of dairy products and help parents and caregivers teach children
28 the importance of healthy eating habits, good nutrition, and
29 physical activity, and how dairy fits into a well-balanced, healthy

1 meal plan; now, therefore, be it

2 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
3 this legislative body declare June 2023 as Dairy Month in the state
4 of Michigan.