

AMENDED IN SENATE JUNE 10, 2015

Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 65

Introduced by Senator Cannella

May 22, 2015

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 65—Relative to June Dairy Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 65, as amended, Cannella. June Dairy Month.

This measure would proclaim the month of June to be Dairy Month in California, in honor of the work of dairy producers 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.

- 1 WHEREAS, The national “June Dairy Month,” originally known
- 2 as National Milk Month, has been an annual tradition since 1937,
- 3 and is a great opportunity for Americans to honor dairy farmers
- 4 and to recognize the importance of dairy products to a healthy diet
- 5 for many Americans; and
- 6 WHEREAS, California is the nation’s number one
- 7 milk-producing state, the number two cheese-producing state, and
- 8 dairy is the state’s number one agricultural commodity; and
- 9 WHEREAS, The landscape, economy, health, and nutrition of
- 10 California would not be the same without our dairy farms and the
- 11 more than 1500 families who run them; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Only 30 percent of Americans meet their
- 13 recommended intake of calcium, and the United States Surgeon
- 14 General’s office predicts that by 2020, one-half of all Americans

1 older than 50 years of age will be at risk for fractures as a result
2 of osteoporosis and low bone density; and

3 WHEREAS, Dairy foods provide essential nutrients, including
4 75 percent of the calcium naturally available in the food supply,
5 as well as potassium, magnesium, and vitamin A, and milk is the
6 number one source of calcium, potassium, phosphorus, and vitamin
7 D in the American diet; and

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

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

14 ~~WHEREAS, It is estimated that the dairy industry accounts for~~
15 ~~less than 2 percent of the total United States greenhouse gas~~
16 ~~emissions, an amount that the industry continues working to reduce;~~
17 ~~now, therefore, be it~~

18 *WHEREAS, Dairy farming is a leading agricultural commodity*
19 *in California, producing \$7.6 billion in annual retail sales in 2013;*
20 *now, therefore, be it*

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

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