

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY JUNE 7, 2012

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 156

Introduced by Assembly Member Valadao

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May 14, 2012

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 156—Relative to June Dairy Month in California.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 156, as amended, Valadao. June Dairy Month.

This measure would proclaim the month of June to be June 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,

1 and is a great opportunity for Americans to honor dairy farmers
2 and to recognize the importance of dairy products to a healthy diet
3 for many Americans; and

4 WHEREAS, Only 30 percent of Americans meet their
5 recommended intake of calcium, and the United States Surgeon
6 General's office predicts that by 2020, half of all Americans older
7 than 50 years of age will be at risk for fractures as a result of
8 osteoporosis and low bone density; and

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

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

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

20 WHEREAS, It is estimated that the dairy industry accounts for
21 less than 2 percent of the total U.S. greenhouse gas emissions, an
22 amount that the industry continues working to reduce; now,
23 therefore, be it

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

31 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
32 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.