

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 120

Reps. Alexander, Fox and Rheingans offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare June 2025 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 \$26.73 billion, up over \$2 billion from the previous year. Our
6 state's dairy farmers and processors play an important role in
7 feeding Michiganders and people across the nation; and

8 Whereas, Michigan has 993 permitted dairy farms of all sizes
9 in our state, with farmers who take pride in producing safe,
10 nutritious, and delicious products for Michiganders; and

11 Whereas, There are 440,000 dairy cows on dairy farms of all
12 sizes in our state, which produced twelve billion pounds of milk in
13 2023, ranking Michigan sixth in the nation for milk production; and

1 Whereas, Michigan's dairy industry generates nearly 111,000
2 jobs, directly and indirectly, both on and off the farm; and

3 Whereas, Michigan ranks first in milk production per cow among
4 all states in the United States with an average of 27,680 pounds
5 produced per cow in 2024; and

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

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

19 Whereas, National Dairy Month is traditionally celebrated in
20 June to encourage Americans to reduce the risks of osteoporosis,
21 high blood pressure, obesity, and colon cancer through consumption
22 of dairy products and help parents and caregivers teach children
23 the importance of healthy eating habits, good nutrition, and
24 physical activity, and how dairy fits into a well-balanced, healthy
25 meal plan; now, therefore, be it

26 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
27 this legislative body declare June 2025 as Dairy Month in the state
28 of Michigan.