

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 120

Rep. Alexander 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

14 Whereas, Michigan's dairy industry generates nearly 111,000

1 jobs, directly and indirectly, both on and off the farm; and

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

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

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

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

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