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OFFICIAL NOTICE ON REFERENDUM TO DECREASE THE BLUEBERRY ASSESSMENT

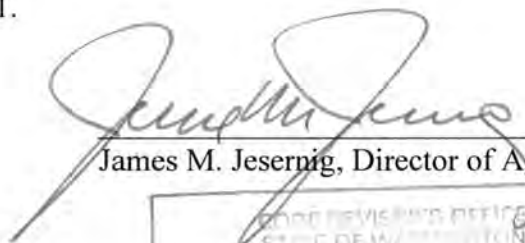
Pursuant to chapter 15.65 RCW, I, Jim Jesernig, Director of Agriculture for the State of Washington, hereby give notice that a referendum of blueberry producers was conducted on the following matter:

“Shall the annual assessment on all varieties of blueberries be decreased from three-quarters of a cent per affected unit (pound) to four-tenths of a cent per affected unit (pound)?”

The referendum, as certified on January 31, 2001, was approved by 100 percent of the blueberry producers with 100 percent of the production. A total of 49.4 percent of the eligible producers voted in the referendum.

The Washington Blueberry Commission requested the reduction in assessment because a national blueberry program was recently adopted. The national program will be funded by an assessment of \$12 per ton on domestic cultivated blueberries beginning with the 2001-growing season.

Dated this 12th day of February 2001.


 James M. Jesernig, Director of Agriculture

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