

SENATE RESOLUTION

8609

By Senator Warnick

1 WHEREAS, The first creamery in Washington was started in Cheney
2 in 1880; and

3 WHEREAS, Washington's dairy industry is actually older than the
4 state itself; and

5 WHEREAS, Cows were first brought to Washington in 1838; and

6 WHEREAS, Dairy farms can be found in twenty-seven of Washington's
7 thirty-nine counties; and

8 WHEREAS, There are thirty-three certified organic dairies in
9 Washington; and

10 WHEREAS, Families across Washington have depended on the safe and
11 nutritious dairy products provided by the dairy farmers of Washington
12 state for generations; and

13 WHEREAS, Dairy is an essential part of a healthy diet, is one of
14 the major food groups represented on the United States Department of
15 Agriculture's "MyPlate" dietary guidelines, and three cups of dairy
16 products per day are recommended for people nine years old and older;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, There are nearly two hundred sixty family dairy farms in
19 Washington state with approximately two hundred fifty-seven thousand
20 dairy cows; and

21 WHEREAS, Dairy ranks as the second highest agricultural commodity
22 produced in Washington, with economic impact valued over one billion
23 dollars; and

1 WHEREAS, Washington is the tenth largest total milk producer
2 among the fifty United States; and

3 WHEREAS, Dairy Day at the legislature takes place on
4 February 11, 2025, when legislators will visit with Washington
5 dairy producers and enjoy delicious dairy products that are
6 produced in Washington and handed out by the Washington State
7 Dairy Federation, Washington State Dairy Women, and the county
8 Dairy Ambassadors;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State
10 Senate acknowledge and honor the women and men whose work on
11 dairy farms throughout Washington has contributed much to the
12 strength and vitality of our economy, the character of our
13 communities, and the general well-being of our citizens; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be
15 immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Dairy
16 Farmers of Washington and the Washington State Dairy Federation.

17 I, Sarah Bannister, Secretary of the Senate,
18 do hereby certify that this is a true and
19 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8609,
20 adopted by the Senate
21 February 11, 2025

22 SARAH BANNISTER
23 Secretary of the Senate