

State of Misconsin 2023 - 2024 LEGISLATURE

## **2023 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 53**

June 13, 2023 - Introduced by Senators Ballweg, Marklein, Agard, Felzkowski, Hesselbein, Jacque, Knodl, Pfaff, Roys, Spreitzer and Wanggaard, cosponsored by Representatives Tranel, Gustafson, Plumer, Novak, Allen, C. Anderson, Armstrong, Baldeh, Bare, Behnke, Binsfeld, Cabrera, Conley, Considine, Dittrich, Drake, Edming, Goeben, Green, Gundrum, S. Johnson, Kitchens, Kurtz, Magnafici, Michalski, Moses, Murphy, Mursau, Myers, Nedweski, O'Connor, Oldenburg, Ortiz-Velez, Penterman, Petryk, Ratcliff, Rettinger, Rozar, Schmidt, Schraa, Schutt, Shankland, Sinicki, Snyder, Spiros, Steffen, Stubbs, VanderMeer and Wittke. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

\*\*\*AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE\*\*\*

1	<b>Relating to:</b> proclaiming June 2023 as Dairy Month in Wisconsin.
2	Whereas, since 1937, the observation of Dairy Month in June has given
3	Wisconsinites an opportunity to recognize the special role dairy has played in the
4	state's agricultural heritage; and
5	Whereas, as early as the 1840s, dairy farmers from New York, then the nation's
6	leading dairy producer, migrated to Wisconsin and established a foothold for the
7	dairy industry; and
8	Whereas, in 1872, the Wisconsin Dairyman's Association was founded with the
9	goal of improving methods of making, selling, and marketing dairy products such as
LO	cheese and butter; and
11	Whereas, at the turn of the century, Wisconsin's own Stephen Babcock
12	developed a means to test the butterfat content of milk, which revolutionized the
13	dairy industry by enabling standards of quality that could be used to establish milk
L4	prices; and

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1	Whereas, by the onset of World War I, Wisconsin surpassed all other states in
2	dairy production; and
3	Whereas, starting in 1940, Wisconsin cemented its reputation as "America's
4	Dairyland" by placing this slogan on license plates; and
5	Whereas, today, over 1.28 million cows across nearly 6,000 dairy farms call
6	Wisconsin home; and
7	Whereas, the dairy industry contributes about \$45.6 billion to the state
8	economy annually; and
9	Whereas, as a key part of this industry, Wisconsin cheesemakers produce over
10	600 kinds of cheese and together produce over a quarter of the nation's cheese; and
11	Whereas, because it has touched so many Wisconsinites' lives, past and
12	present, the dairy industry comprises a central component of Wisconsin heritage and
13	identity; and
14	Whereas, in the month of June, the people of Wisconsin acknowledge the
15	contributions of the state's hard-working dairy farmers, who have made dairy a
16	pillar of the state's success; and
17	Whereas, these dairy farmers' unwavering dedication to the highest standards
18	of quality have consistently moved Wisconsin forward; now, therefore, be it
19	Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the legislature
20	hereby proclaims June 2023 as Dairy Month in Wisconsin.
21	(END)