

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim June 2016 as Dairy Month in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim June 2016 as Dairy Month in the State of New York; in addition, Dairy Day will be recognized on Tuesday, June 14, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Agriculture continues to rank as the number one industry in New York State, with dairy farms across the State; and

WHEREAS, The dairy industry is the single largest sector of New York State's vast and diverse agricultural industry, accounting for over 45 percent of the State's farm cash receipts from all products; and

WHEREAS, New York has more than 600,000 dairy cows which produce over 12 billion pounds of milk annually, and ranks third among states in total milk production; and

WHEREAS, The value added to New York's economy by agriculture accounts for more than \$4.7 billion annually, with nearly half of that amount coming from the direct sale of dairy products by New York farmers; and

WHEREAS, The dairy industry is an integral segment of New York State's economy and a major employer of labor from all phases of production, through marketing of milk and dairy products; and

WHEREAS, New York's dairy farmers have historically been the stewards of the land, contributing to the State's diverse agricultural landscapes through responsible conservation practices and investments in technology; and

WHEREAS, New York's milk and dairy products have been shown to promote weight loss, build strong bones and promote overall better health; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to acknowledge the contributions of the dairy industry and New York's dairy farmers, and to join with farmers and consumers all across the State to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim June 2016 as Dairy Month in the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York.