

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 11

BY AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2 STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND COMMEMORATING THE FOUNDING OF THE
3 IDAHO STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AND THE RESULTING 100 YEARS OF
4 OUTSTANDING SERVICE BY EMPLOYEES PAST AND PRESENT TO THE AGRICULTURAL,
5 RANCHING, FOOD PROCESSING, AGRIBUSINESS, AND IDAHO COMMUNITIES IT
6 SERVES, AND COMMENDING ITS CONTINUED SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF THIS GREAT
7 STATE.

8 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

9 WHEREAS, Idaho agriculture is diverse, abundant, and deeply rooted in
10 our history; and

11 WHEREAS, farming, ranching, food processing, and agribusiness remain
12 a fundamentally important part of Idaho's economy, communities, and way of
13 life; and

14 WHEREAS, Idaho has nearly 25,000 farms and ranches that produce more
15 than 185 different commodities; and

16 WHEREAS, Idaho ranks in the top ten in the nation in production or re-
17 ceipts in 30 of those commodities; and

18 WHEREAS, Idaho is the third largest agricultural state in the West and
19 second in net farm income; and

20 WHEREAS, agriculture and food processing generate 20% of Idaho's total
21 economic output in sales and 16% of GDP; and

22 WHEREAS, agriculture and agricultural activities remain an important
23 way of life for communities across Idaho; and

24 WHEREAS, the Idaho State Department of Agriculture was established in
25 1919 to serve and regulate this cornerstone industry; and

26 WHEREAS, the Idaho State Department of Agriculture, and its dedicated
27 team of industry topic experts, oversees more than 60 sections of Idaho Code
28 and is structured to efficiently implement its statutory duties; and

29 WHEREAS, in 2019 the Idaho State Department of Agriculture marks its
30 100th year of service to the industries, communities, and citizens of our
31 great state.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Ses-
33 sion of the Sixty-fifth Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and
34 the Senate concurring therein, that we commemorate the founding of the Idaho
35 State Department of Agriculture, and the resulting 100 years of outstanding
36 service by employees past and present to the agricultural, ranching, food
37 processing, agribusiness, and Idaho communities it serves, and commend its
38 continued service to the people of this great state.