

IN THE SENATE

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 118

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND DECLARING MARCH 20 OF EACH YEAR AS  
2 "YMCA DAY" TO RECOGNIZE THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE YMCA TO THE CITIZENS OF  
3 IDAHO.  
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5 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

6 WHEREAS, the Idaho State Alliance of YMCAs has strengthened the founda-  
7 tions of local communities through programs and services that foster youth  
8 development, healthy living and social responsibility since the first Idaho  
9 YMCA was established in 1891; and

10 WHEREAS, more than 110,000 people of all ages, races, faiths, abilities  
11 and economic backgrounds benefit each year from the YMCA's extensive pro-  
12 gramming designed to nurture the potential of children, to improve health  
13 and well-being and to provide support for those in need; and

14 WHEREAS, no one is turned away for inability to pay, the Idaho YMCAs  
15 provide more than \$6 million in financial assistance to enable individuals,  
16 children and families to participate in programming that enhances educa-  
17 tional opportunities and health and well-being; and

18 WHEREAS, over 60,000 youth in Idaho are involved in afterschool enrich-  
19 ment programs, early learning child care with an emphasis on numeracy and  
20 literacy, resident summer camps, engineering and robotics, youth sports  
21 focusing on character development, child abuse prevention, summer learning  
22 loss, swim lessons and water safety, teen leadership development, arts edu-  
23 cation, Youth Government and college advising; and

24 WHEREAS, programs such as arthritis aquatics, physical therapy, "Mov-  
25 ing for Better Balance," "Artist in Residence," disease prevention, "Delay  
26 the Disease Parkinson's Program" and cancer survivorship are available to  
27 the community; and

28 WHEREAS, YMCAs are charitable organizations and community assets whose  
29 ability to accomplish their objectives depends on the more than 6,500 volun-  
30 teers, making the Idaho State Alliance of YMCAs the largest volunteer led and  
31 driven organizations in the state, with each YMCA governed by a local volun-  
32 teer board of directors who generously give of their time, expertise and re-  
33 sources to strengthen our communities by addressing local needs; and

34 WHEREAS, the YMCA's programs are made possible because of community  
35 support through partnerships with local city and county officials, local  
36 school districts, the United Way, St. Luke's Health System, Saint Alphonsus  
37 Regional Medical Center, Healthwise, the Lee Pesky Learning Center and the  
38 Idaho Children's Trust Fund.

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Ses-  
40 sion of the Sixty-third Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Rep-  
41 resentatives concurring therein, that we declare March 20 of each year as  
42 "YMCA Day" for the purpose of recognizing the Idaho State Alliance of YMCAs  
43 for their contributions to the citizens of Idaho.