

SENATE RESOLUTION  
8608

By Senators Becker, Dammeier, Brown, Parlette, Warnick, Hatfield,  
Fraser, Nelson, and Kohl-Welles

1           WHEREAS, Families across Washington depend on the safe and  
2 nutritious dairy products provided by the dairy farmers of Washington  
3 state; and  
4           WHEREAS, There are approximately 480 family dairy farms in  
5 Washington state with approximately 266,000 dairy cows; and  
6           WHEREAS, Washington state ranks tenth in total milk production in  
7 the United States with 6,336 million pounds annually; and  
8           WHEREAS, Washington ranks fifth in milk production per cow, with  
9 23,820 pounds of milk per year; and  
10           WHEREAS, Milk is the second highest dollar-valued agricultural  
11 commodity produced in Washington, valued at 2.36 billion dollars; and  
12           WHEREAS, Dairy farming has an annual economic impact of 5.2  
13 billion dollars; and  
14           WHEREAS, There are over 6,184 on-farm dairy jobs in 30 counties  
15 across Washington, and over 12,159 jobs in the dairy industry in  
16 total; and  
17           WHEREAS, The Washington State Dairy Ambassadors for 2014-2015 are  
18 Ambassador Janis DeJager of Everson and alternate Ambassadors Marissa  
19 Apperson of Rochester and Marcy Bartelheimer of Snohomish; and  
20           WHEREAS, Dairy Day at the Legislature is January 28, 2015, when  
21 the legislators will visit with the dairy producers of the state and  
22 enjoy ice cream that will be handed out by the Washington State Dairy  
23 Federation, Washington State Dairy Women, and the state and county  
24 Dairy Ambassadors;  
25           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate  
26 acknowledge and honor the women and men whose work on dairy farms  
27 throughout Washington has contributed much to the strength and  
28 vitality of our economy, the character of our communities, and the  
29 general well-being of our citizens; and  
30           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
31 immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Washington  
32 State Dairy Ambassador Janis DeJager, alternate Ambassadors Marissa  
33 Apperson and Marcy Bartelheimer, and the Washington State Dairy  
34 Federation.

1 I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate,  
2 do hereby certify that this is a true and  
3 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8608,  
4 adopted by the Senate  
5 January 28, 2015

6 HUNTER G. GOODMAN  
7 Secretary of the Senate