

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing June 2021 as National Dairy Month.

2 WHEREAS, Kentucky has a rich history of dairy farming, and the tradition
3 continues to this day with roughly 500 dairy farms that house approximately 49,000 milk
4 cows across the Commonwealth; and

5 WHEREAS, milk is an important commodity to Kentucky's economy as the
6 Commonwealth's dairy farmers produce approximately 1 billion pounds of milk each year
7 with a value of nearly \$184 million; and

8 WHEREAS, in addition to fluid milk, dairy processors across the Commonwealth
9 produce a variety of products including cheese, ice cream, butter, yogurt, and powdered
10 milk; and

11 WHEREAS, dairy farming is largely a family tradition, as 98 percent of dairy farms
12 in the United States are family-owned and –operated; and

13 WHEREAS, the Dietary Guidelines for Americans report published by the United
14 States Department of Agriculture and Department for Health and Human Services
15 recommends consuming three servings of dairy, including milk, each day as part of a
16 balanced diet; and

17 WHEREAS, National Dairy Month has been celebrated since 1939 as a way to
18 promote the consumption of dairy products and to thank those involved in the dairy
19 industry for their labors;

20 NOW, THEREFORE,

21 ***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the***
22 ***Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

23 ➔Section 1. The House of Representatives does hereby recognize June 2021, as
24 "National Dairy Month" and celebrates the abundance of safe, healthy, high-quality, and
25 delicious dairy products thanks to the hard work and commitment of dairy farmers and
26 processors throughout the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

27 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a

- 1 copy of this Resolution to Representative Brandon Reed for presentation to the Kentucky
- 2 Dairy Development Council.