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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim June 2014 as Dairy Month in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Dairy Month

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim June 2014 as Dairy Month in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Dairy Month; and

WHEREAS, National Dairy Month began as National Milk Month in 1937, as a way to promote drinking milk; it was initially created to stabilize the dairy demand when production was at a surplus, but has now developed into an annual tradition which celebrates the contributions the dairy industry made to the world; after the National Dairy Council stepped in to promote the cause, the name soon changed to "Dairy Month"; and

WHEREAS, Dairy Month celebrates the safe, healthy, high quality and most importantly, delicious dairy foods we are blessed to have abundant access to here in the United States, due to the hard work and commitment of our dairy farmers; and

WHEREAS, Consumers should know milk production is highly regulated and inspected to ensure the safety and quality of the milk we drink as well as that which is used to make other dairy products; and

WHEREAS, Testing and safeguards are in place throughout the process from farm to store to guarantee that only safe, healthy milk and dairy products reach the consumer; and

WHEREAS, Dairy farms undergo regular on-farm inspections; farmers must be very conscientious of sanitary conditions during milking on the farm; and

WHEREAS, Besides calcium and Vitamin D, other nutrients found in milk which support bone health include: protein, phosphorus, magnesium,

potassium, zinc, and Vitamins A, C, and K; and

WHEREAS, Dairy products play an important role in a healthy diet for people of all ages, and the residents of this great Empire State are encouraged by this Legislative Body to observe Dairy Month in the State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim June 2014 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.