State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, generations of New York's dairy farmers have helped build and sustain our state's agricultural industry throughout centuries of hard work, productivity, and prosperity; we value and respect the tradition of responsible stewardship dairy farmers uphold and are committed to the continued growth and expansion of this sector, recognizing that a strong foundation of dairy production is vital to the future of our state and nation; and

Whereas, New York State works in partnership with our dairy communities to strengthen and ensure sustainable food resources and, today, dairy farming is the largest sector of agriculture in New York State, remaining a primary component of our economy, accounting for approximately one-half of the total statewide agricultural income; and

Whereas, dairy is a robust industry in this state and, with nearly 3,000 dairy farms that are home to approximately 630,000 dairy cows that produce 16.1 billion pounds of milk annually, New York is ranked fifth in the United States for milk production; and

Whereas, the dairy industry also constitutes a critical segment of the New York State workforce, and we appreciate our dairy farmers and their thousands of employees who not only add to our state and nation's honored agricultural heritage, but whose daily efforts help bring fresh, wholesome dairy products to our communities and to family tables; and

Whereas, New York's dairy producers and processors have the knowledge, expertise, and acumen to operate a business that is successful in providing some of the most nutritious staples of the American diet and, today, our state is not only a leading producer of milk in the country, but also is a major source of other dairy products, with rankings of first in cottage cheese, second in sour cream, fifth in varietal cheeses, and first in yogurt – the official State Snack; and

Whereas, each June brings the celebration of National Dairy Month in communities across the United States and, with origins dating back to 1937, it is one of the oldest annual observances that honors an industry which is core to our agricultural heritage; and

Whereas, all New Yorkers appreciate our hard-working dairy farming families who provide an abundance of healthy and delicious products; we recognize how fundamentally important the dairy industry is to our agricultural foundation, economy, and daily sustenance, and the immeasurably significant place the dairy industry has in our state and nation's history, as we take this opportunity to extend gratitude to our farming communities for their contributions to our lives and for preserving an honorable legacy;

Now, Therefore, I, Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim June 2025 as

DAIRY MONTH

in the Empire State.

Given under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State at the Capitol in the City of Albany this thirtieth day of May in the year two thousand twenty-five.

Kathy Hochul

Governor

Secretary to the Governor
Karen Persichilli Keogh