



LA CROSSE COUNTY

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PROCLAMATION JUNE 2023 DAIRY MONTH

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin dairy industry generates an estimated \$45.6 billion economic impact, \$1.26 billion in state and local taxes, and 154,000 jobs for the state annually; and,

WHEREAS, Wisconsin dairy farmers work with cheesemakers to craft over 600 varieties, types and styles of Wisconsin cheese, creating half of the nation's specialty cheese; and,

WHEREAS, because of Wisconsin dairy farmers' commitment to sustainable practices, the carbon footprint of a glass of milk is two-thirds less than it was 70 years ago, yet it still has the same nutritional benefits and great taste; and,

WHEREAS, there are nearly 6,500 dairy farms in Wisconsin, 95% of which are family owned, and they produce dairy products enjoyed by more than 300 million consumers around the world; and,

WHEREAS, dairy farmers in La Crosse County produce \$33.5 million worth of milk annually, according to recent statistics, and dairy processing plants in La Crosse, Mindoro, Onalaska and Holmen support jobs that benefit all county residents.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the La Crosse County Board does hereby proclaim June 2023 as Dairy Month in La Crosse County and urges all residents to join us in celebrating the contributions of dairy farmers to our economy and community.