



Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act

At the recent meetings of the American Jersey Cattle Association (AJCA) and National All-Jersey Inc., in Lexington, Ky., the following resolution to show our support to the members of the U.S. House and Senate Committees on Agriculture and Education for the Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act was adopted by the AJCA board of directors in their annual meeting.

Whereas, both whole milk and 2% milk are nutrient-rich beverages that provide essential vitamins and minerals, including calcium, vitamin D, potassium, and protein, which are vital for children’s growth and development;

Whereas, a growing body of research and expert recommendations recognize that whole and reduced-fat milk can be part of a healthy diet for children, supporting strong bones, satiety, and overall nutrition;

Whereas, the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 restricted schools to offering only low-fat and fat-free milk in school meal programs, effectively removing whole and 2% milk from the menu;

Whereas, the Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act of 2023 (H.R. 1147 / S. 1957), introduced in the U.S. Congress, would amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to allow schools participating in federally funded meal programs to offer whole milk and 2% milk, including flavored varieties;

Whereas, restoring the option to serve whole and 2% milk gives schools

and parents greater flexibility to meet children’s dietary needs and preferences, potentially increasing milk consumption, improving nutrition, and reducing food waste;

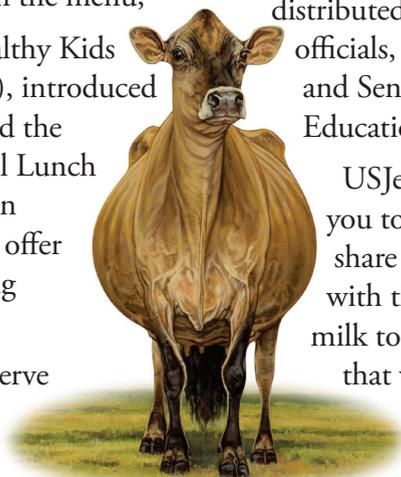
Whereas, bipartisan support for this legislation demonstrates a shared understanding of the need to offer balanced and practical nutrition options in schools;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that American Jersey Cattle Association and National All-Jersey Inc., expresses its strong support for the Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act of 2023, and urges its passage to reinstate the availability of both whole milk and 2% milk in school meal programs;

Be it further resolved, that American Jersey Cattle Association and National All-Jersey Inc., encourages members of Congress to support this legislation and empower local schools to offer a fuller range of milk choices to meet students’ nutritional needs;

Be it further resolved, that copies of this resolution be distributed to local, state, and federal elected officials, including members of the U.S. House and Senate Committees on Agriculture and Education.

USJersey and dairy industry friends, we urge you to reach out to your elected officials and share this resolution and more information with them. The need for whole milk and 2% milk to be back in the schools is an industry need that we cannot ignore.



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