

IN THE SENATE

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 103

BY AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1
2 STATING THE FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND ENCOURAGING WIDESPREAD PARTIC-
3 IPATION IN EDUCATION, DIALOGUE AND EVENTS ASSOCIATED WITH "THE YEAR OF
4 IDAHO FOOD," ENCOURAGING THE USE OF INFORMATION GATHERED IN "THE YEAR
5 OF IDAHO FOOD" IN FURTHERANCE OF POLICY DEVELOPMENT TO INCREASE PRO-
6 DUCTION, DISTRIBUTION AND CONSUMPTION OF IDAHO GROWN FOOD IN THE STATE
7 OF IDAHO AND RECOGNIZING LABOR DAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2011, AS "THE DAY OF
8 IDAHO FOOD" WHEN EVERY CITIZEN OF THE STATE IS ENCOURAGED TO ENJOY THE
9 PRODUCTS OF OUR STATE'S SOILS AND WATERS AND EXTEND APPRECIATION TO OUR
10 FARMERS, LARGE AND SMALL, BY EATING AT LEAST ONE FOOD THAT IS GROWN IN
11 IDAHO AND LEARNING THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THAT FOOD TO OUR FAMILIES, COM-
12 MUNITIES AND THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN CELEBRATION OF OUR PROUD FOOD AND
13 AGRICULTURAL HERITAGE.

14 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

15 WHEREAS, in 2010, the Idaho Legislature adopted House Concurrent Reso-
16 lution 59 to celebrate Idaho's history of agricultural industriousness and
17 encourage economic growth, entrepreneurship and self-sufficiency among Ida-
18 hoans through increased production, distribution and consumption of Idaho
19 grown food; and

20 WHEREAS, individuals and organizations around the state must work
21 together to improve the processing, storage and distribution facilities
22 needed to restore Idaho's agricultural diversity so that once again a major-
23 ity of the food eaten by modern Idahoans is produced in Idaho rather than in
24 other states and nations; and

25 WHEREAS, great opportunities exist to leverage the lessons and achieve-
26 ments of Idaho's globally admired export industry to rebuild and reinvigo-
27 rate Idaho's urban and rural communities through Idaho grown food; and

28 WHEREAS, there are few venues and opportunities to reflect on the sur-
29 prising variety of food grown in Idaho and the social, economic and environ-
30 mental significance of these foods; and

31 WHEREAS, Idahoans from various backgrounds, disciplines and values are
32 establishing an authentic forum for exchange about Idaho's food economy and
33 the sharing of cultural and social experiences with food through efforts to
34 make 2011 "The Year of Idaho Food"; and

35 WHEREAS, the culmination of efforts and emphasis on Idaho grown food en-
36 couraged by "The Year of Idaho Food" is best focused upon a single, celebra-
37 tory day that will commemorate our food heritage as well as to honor garden-
38 ers, farmers, ranchers, all those involved in food processing and distribu-
39 tion, food writers, cooks and all others who continue to contribute to our
40 food culture.

41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Ses-
42 sion of the Sixty-first Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Repre-

1 representatives concurring therein, that we encourage widespread participation
2 in education, dialogue and events associated with "The Year of Idaho Food."

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we encourage the use of information gath-
4 ered in "The Year of Idaho Food" in furtherance of policy development to in-
5 crease production, distribution and consumption of Idaho grown food in the
6 state of Idaho.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Labor Day, September 5, 2011, be recognized
8 as "The Day of Idaho Food" and every citizen of the state be encouraged to en-
9 joy the products of our state's soils and waters and extend appreciation to
10 our farmers, large and small, by eating at least one food that is grown in
11 Idaho and learning the significance of that food to our families, communi-
12 ties and the state of Idaho, in celebration of our proud food and agricul-
13 tural heritage.