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### *Board of Agriculture Resolution*

WHEREAS, on August 1, 2004 **Christopher Cook** was appointed to the Nevada Dairy Commission by Governor Kenny Guinn; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Cook served as the Chairman of the Dairy Commission; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure the Dairy Commission rebated taxes on three occasions and streamlined the day to day operations of the agency; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Cook facilitated the merger of the Dairy Commission into the Nevada Department of Agriculture in 2015; and

WHEREAS, because of the subsequent cost savings, the Commission eliminated all tax on fluid milk sold in Nevada; and

WHEREAS, the Commission funded the purchase of Moolissa, the mechanical milking cow, as an aid to teach children about dairying and the nutritional value of dairy products; and

WHEREAS, the Commission funded a rail siding study and starling control programs which have enhanced the economic viability of Nevada's dairy industry; and

WHEREAS, by early 2017, the dairy industry in Nevada had evolved to the point that a formal Dairy Commission was no longer necessary and the Commissioners endorsed Governor Sandoval's proposal to have the Legislature eliminate the Dairy Commission and make the daily operations an administrative function within the Nevada Department of Agriculture; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED BY THE STATE OF NEVADA BOARD OF AGRICULTURE, that the members of the Board of Agriculture express sincere gratitude to Commissioner Christopher Cook for his dedication and public service to the State of Nevada; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that the Director of the Nevada Department of Agriculture prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to former Chairman and Commissioner Christopher Cook.**

Adopted by the Board of Agriculture

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Paul Anderson, Chairman