

1999 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 36

1 **Relating to:** urging U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Daniel Glickman to act quickly in
2 distributing to farmers \$200 million in aid.

3 Whereas, Wisconsin’s agricultural heritage is based on family farms, and in
4 honor of the hard work and contributions made to our economy by Wisconsin dairy
5 farm families we proudly refer to our state as “America’s Dairyland”; and

6 Whereas, Wisconsin’s dairy industry impacts over 133,000 workers throughout
7 the state, with a gross economic impact of over \$4.9 billion to our state’s economy; and

8 Whereas, the monthly fluctuations and unpredictability of the market have
9 made it difficult for family dairy farms to remain viable businesses, and in 1998 alone
10 Wisconsin lost 1,200 dairy farms; and

11 Whereas, recently farmers enjoyed higher prices for their products; however,
12 actions of the U.S. Department of Agriculture have led to the dairy price drop of \$6
13 per hundred weight, which has again increased financial pressures on our dairy
14 farmers; and

