

## 1999 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 36

March 18, 1999 – Introduced by Representatives LASSA, OTT, HASENOHRL, GRONEMUS, SYKORA, MUSSER, TURNER, YOUNG, AINSWORTH, BOCK, KRUG, REYNOLDS, KEDZIE, BRANDEMUEHL, PORTER, SHERMAN, BALOW, ALBERS, SUDER and KLUSMAN, cosponsored by Senators BAUMGART, BRESKE, PANZER, WIRCH and A. LASEE. Referred to Committee on Rules.

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       during the past month dairy prices have fallen sharply by \$6 per hundred weight,  
13       which has again increased financial pressures on our dairy farmers; and

