## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 11

## BY AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

## A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND COMMEMORATING THE FOUNDING OF THE IDAHO STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AND THE RESULTING 100 YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE BY EMPLOYEES PAST AND PRESENT TO THE AGRICULTURAL, RANCHING, FOOD PROCESSING, AGRIBUSINESS, AND IDAHO COMMUNITIES IT SERVES, AND COMMENDING ITS CONTINUED SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF THIS GREAT STATE.

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

WHEREAS, Idaho agriculture is diverse, abundant, and deeply rooted in our history; and

WHEREAS, farming, ranching, food processing, and agribusiness remain a fundamentally important part of Idaho's economy, communities, and way of life; and

WHEREAS, Idaho has nearly 25,000 farms and ranches that produce more than 185 different commodities; and

WHEREAS, Idaho ranks in the top ten in the nation in production or receipts in 30 of those commodities; and

WHEREAS, Idaho is the third largest agricultural state in the West and second in net farm income; and

WHEREAS, agriculture and food processing generate 20% of Idaho's total economic output in sales and 16% of GDP; and

WHEREAS, agriculture and agricultural activities remain an important way of life for communities across Idaho; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho State Department of Agriculture was established in 1919 to serve and regulate this cornerstone industry; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho State Department of Agriculture, and its dedicated team of industry topic experts, oversees more than 60 sections of Idaho Code and is structured to efficiently implement its statutory duties; and

WHEREAS, in 2019 the Idaho State Department of Agriculture marks its  $100 \, \text{th}$  year of service to the industries, communities, and citizens of our great state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Session of the Sixty-fifth Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and the Senate concurring therein, that we commemorate the founding of the Idaho State Department of Agriculture, and the resulting 100 years of outstanding service by employees past and present to the agricultural, ranching, food processing, agribusiness, and Idaho communities it serves, and commend its continued service to the people of this great state.