

Enrolled
House Concurrent Resolution 12

Sponsored by Representative JOHNSON; Representatives DEMBROW, MCLANE, VEGA
PEDERSON, WHISNANT, WILLIAMSON, Senators HANSELL, PROZANSKI, THOMSEN

Whereas *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, a microorganism classified in the kingdom Fungi, has a long history of assisting in human gastronomic, cultural and scientific endeavors; and

Whereas *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* is commonly known as brewer's yeast or baker's yeast; and

Whereas dating back to ancient times, *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* has been used to leaven bread, converting fermentable sugars present in the dough into carbon dioxide and ethanol; and

Whereas the ability to generate ethanol also makes *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* essential to the production of alcoholic beverages such as mead, wine, beer and distilled spirits; and

Whereas *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* has inspired a thriving brewing culture in this state, making Oregon an internationally recognized hub of craft brewing; and

Whereas *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* has many other important uses in such areas as nutritional supplements, natural health remedies and aquarium upkeep; and

Whereas *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* is studied as a model organism and used extensively in scientific research to further understanding of genetics, human disease and other important topics; and

Whereas the many meaningful uses of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* and its importance to the livelihood and well-being of the people of this state make it worthy of honor and recognition; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

That *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* is the official microbe of the State of Oregon.

Adopted by House April 11, 2013

Ramona J. Line, Chief Clerk of House

Tina Kotek, Speaker of House

Adopted by Senate May 23, 2013

Peter Courtney, President of Senate