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Senate Concurrent Resolution 3

Sponsored by Senators HANSELL, MANNING JR, STEINER; Representatives MCINTIRE, RESCHKE, VALDERRAMA (Presession filed.)

Whereas potatoes are a vital, versatile and easy-to-use food source for Oregonians from all cultural backgrounds and across all levels of income; and

Whereas potatoes are nutritious, packed with vitamins B6 and C, potassium, iron and fiber, and are low in sodium, fat-free, cholesterol-free and gluten-free; and

Whereas potatoes are a cost-effective, nutrient-dense and child-friendly component of K-12 school breakfasts and lunches, and can play a key role in minimizing plate waste in schools; and

Whereas potatoes are grown in all corners of Oregon, contributing to the health and economic well-being of the entire state; and

Whereas Baker, Jefferson, Klamath, Malheur, Morrow, Multnomah, Umatilla and Union Counties lead the way in volume of potato production; and

Whereas potatoes represent a crucial piece of Oregon's diverse and unique agricultural sector; and

Whereas potatoes produced by Oregon's organic, commercial and multigenerational potato farms are this state's top-selling vegetable and its seventh most valuable agricultural commodity; and

Whereas Oregon potatoes are exported to markets such as Japan, Taiwan, Korea, the Philippines, Mexico and South America, making them a significant component of this state's international trade; and

Whereas Oregon farmers have donated one million pounds of potatoes annually to the Oregon Food Bank; now, therefore,

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

That we, the members of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly, designate the potato as the official vegetable of the State of Oregon.

Adopted by Senate March 22, 2023

Lori L. Brocker, Secretary of Senate

Rob Wagner, President of Senate

Adopted by House June 21, 2023

Dan Rayfield, Speaker of House