

RESOLUTION NO. 181

WHEREAS, the Virginia Board of Agriculture and Commerce is scheduled to hear testimony on the passage of a regulation to require the open dating of milk and certain dairy products; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Citizens Consumer Council, Inc., has requested the help of northern Virginia jurisdictions in supporting the adoption of such regulations; and

WHEREAS, through the adoption of such regulations Alexandrians may be assured that milk products purchased in this state are fresh, wholesome and healthful; and

WHEREAS, such regulations will require that products remaining on the shelves past the posted date will be removed; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of all the citizens of the State that the form of open dating be consistent and easily understood as provided for by the proposed regulations,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Alexandria, that the Virginia Board of Agriculture and Commerce be advised of the City's interest in and support for the adoption of regulations requiring open dating for dairy products now under consideration and further that such regulations include:

1. A single, easily understood, open dating scheme (e.g. DEC 20);
2. A requirement that dairy products must be pulled from the shelves if they exceed their shelf life;
3. A requirement that type size specified be large enough to be easily read;
4. A requirement that stringent enforcement measures be included in the regulations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to each of the members of the Virginia Board of Agriculture and Commerce and to the President of the Virginia Citizens Consumer Council, Inc.

Adopted January 23, 1973

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Helen Vickers, City Clerk and  
Clerk of Council