

**STATE BOARD OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE
EQUINE RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, California ranks Number 1 in the nation in the total effect of its Equine industry on Gross Domestic Product (GDP), with a total economic impact of \$6.97 billion dollars, including \$2.5 billion from racing, \$1.6 billion from horse shows, \$1.9 billion from recreation, and \$978 million from other equine activities; and

WHEREAS, California ranks number 1 in the nation in the total full time equivalent employment with over 130,000 full time equivalents (FTEs) - 48,000 in Racing, 27,000 in Showing, 27,000 in Recreation, and another 28,000 in other Equine related activities; and

WHEREAS, California ranks Number 2 in the nation, behind Texas, in the total number of horses with over 698,000 horses, including 153,000 Thoroughbreds, 184,000 Quarter Horses, and 362,000 other horses (registered and unregistered); and

WHEREAS, California ranks Number 3 in the nation on the total number of participants in the Equine industry with over 311,000 participants; and

RESOLVED, by the California State Board of Food and Agriculture, that the inclusion of the Equine industry as a component of California agriculture is important and necessary; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the California Department of Food and Agriculture is urged to work in collaboration with the industry to take the steps necessary to include the Equine industry in its Annual Agricultural Statistics for California.

Subscribed
Helen Lopez, Executive Director

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