

IN THE SENATE

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 118

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND DECLARING MARCH 20 OF EACH YEAR AS  
"YMCA DAY" TO RECOGNIZE THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE YMCA TO THE CITIZENS OF  
IDAHO.

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

WHEREAS, the Idaho State Alliance of YMCAs has strengthened the foundations of local communities through programs and services that foster youth development, healthy living and social responsibility since the first Idaho YMCA was established in 1891; and

WHEREAS, more than 110,000 people of all ages, races, faiths, abilities and economic backgrounds benefit each year from the YMCA's extensive programming designed to nurture the potential of children, to improve health and well-being and to provide support for those in need; and

WHEREAS, no one is turned away for inability to pay, the Idaho YMCAs provide more than \$6 million in financial assistance to enable individuals, children and families to participate in programming that enhances educational opportunities and health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, over 60,000 youth in Idaho are involved in afterschool enrichment programs, early learning child care with an emphasis on numeracy and literacy, resident summer camps, engineering and robotics, youth sports focusing on character development, child abuse prevention, summer learning loss, swim lessons and water safety, teen leadership development, arts education, Youth Government and college advising; and

WHEREAS, programs such as arthritis aquatics, physical therapy, "Moving for Better Balance," "Artist in Residence," disease prevention, "Delay the Disease Parkinson's Program" and cancer survivorship are available to the community; and

WHEREAS, YMCAs are charitable organizations and community assets whose ability to accomplish their objectives depends on the more than 6,500 volunteers, making the Idaho State Alliance of YMCAs the largest volunteer led and driven organizations in the state, with each YMCA governed by a local volunteer board of directors who generously give of their time, expertise and resources to strengthen our communities by addressing local needs; and

WHEREAS, the YMCA's programs are made possible because of community support through partnerships with local city and county officials, local school districts, the United Way, St. Luke's Health System, Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center, Healthwise, the Lee Pesky Learning Center and the Idaho Children's Trust Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Session of the Sixty-third Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Representatives concurring therein, that we declare March 20 of each year as "YMCA Day" for the purpose of recognizing the Idaho State Alliance of YMCAs for their contributions to the citizens of Idaho.