

## CHAPTER 2022-12

### Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 1006

An act relating to state symbols; creating s. 15.0522, F.S.; designating strawberry shortcake as the official state dessert; providing an effective date.

WHEREAS, more than 10,000 acres of strawberries are planted annually in the greater Plant City area, accounting for 75 percent of the United States' winter strawberry crop, and

WHEREAS, beginning in the spring of 1930, and again in 1948 after a 6-year hiatus during and following World War II, the Florida Strawberry Festival, held in Plant City and organized by the Plant City Lions Club, was revived by American Legion Post #26, and other area civic organizations, and

WHEREAS, each year, the Florida Strawberry Festival welcomes visitors from around the world to celebrate this slice of Americana and the area's bountiful harvests, and

WHEREAS, approximately 200,000 strawberry shortcakes, the festival's signature dessert, are served each year at the Florida Strawberry Festival, making it a staple among festival attendees, and

WHEREAS, strawberry shortcake is a dessert consisting of a base of shortcake, which resembles a biscuit with a touch of cake, a layer of sweet, sliced strawberries, and a healthy dollop of whipped cream, and

WHEREAS, in 2000, *Guinness World Records* recognized Plant City as home of the biggest shortcake in the world, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 15.0522, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

15.0522 Official state dessert.—Strawberry shortcake with natural Florida dairy topping is designated as the official Florida state dessert.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.

Approved by the Governor March 7, 2022.

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