RESOLUTION #AG2018-02

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ‘ADDED SUGAR’ LABELING FOR MAPLE SYRUP AND HONEY

WHEREAS, the Eastern Regional Conference (ERC) supports the FDA’s efforts for clear labeling to support the consumer’s ability to make informed purchasing decisions; and

WHEREAS, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has released a proposed rule that would require that honey and maple syrup be labeled as ‘added sugar’, even when these products are 100% pure single-ingredient products; and

WHEREAS, the inclusion of an “added sugar” declaration to single-ingredient products like honey and maple syrup, to which no sugar has been added, will result in consumer confusion and may erode consumer confidence; and

WHEREAS, compromising the integrity of naturally sweet, single-ingredient products with a requirement to declare “added sugar” would irrevocably impact the maple and honey industries; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the ERC recommends that the FDA exempt the single-ingredient sugars of pure maple syrup and honey from the declaration; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ERC supports federal legislation to accomplish this goal; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be submitted to the appropriate state and federal officials.