



RESOLUTION #AG2018-02

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

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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