RESOLUTION # AG-2021-01

RESOLUTION ON TRUTH IN LABELING

WHEREAS, a large percentage of the agricultural region of the northeastern United States and Canada is built on animal products; and

WHEREAS, consumer research has shown that a large percentage of consumers are not able to differentiate between plant-based meats and cheeses and animal-based; and

WHEREAS, truth-in-food labeling laws support the Northeast’s agricultural economy and alleviate consumer confusion; and

WHEREAS, to sell in international markets, the European Court of Justice mandates that the terms “milk,” “butter,” “cheese” and “yogurt” cannot be used for non-dairy products; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 Congressional Spending Bill directed the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to enforce dairy labeling regulations; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1346 is a bipartisan bill currently in the U.S. Congress that would direct the FDA to enforce existing regulations that define dairy products as “lacteal secretions”; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that CSG East urges members of Congress to pass SB 1346; and be it further

RESOLVED, that CSG East urges state and provincial legislatures to support truth-in-food labeling measures in their own states and provinces; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution be submitted to appropriate state, federal, and provincial officials.