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### Resolution on “Added Sugar” Labeling for Maple Syrup and Honey

- 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 Midwestern Legislative Conference (MLC) supports the FDA’s efforts for clear labeling to support the consumer’s ability to make informed purchasing decisions; 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; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED,** the MLC recommends that the FDA exempt the single-ingredient sugars of pure maple syrup and honey from the declaration; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** that this resolution be submitted to appropriate state and federal officials.

*Adopted this 18<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2018 at the 73<sup>rd</sup> MLC Annual Meeting in Winnipeg, Manitoba*