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Resolution on Truth in Labeling

- WHEREAS,** much of the Midwestern economy is built on animal products; and
- WHEREAS,** our host state for the 2021 Midwestern Legislative Conference (MLC) Annual Meeting, South Dakota, along with North Dakota have laws defining meat as coming from an animal; 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 Midwest’s agriculture 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 the MLC urges members of Congress to pass SB 1346; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** that the MLC urges state and provincial legislatures to support truth-in-food-labeling measures in their own states; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** that this resolution be submitted to appropriate state, federal and provincial officials.

Adopted this 14th day of July, 2021 at the 75th MLC Annual Meeting in Rapid City, South Dakota