

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED  
AT THE 2015 MAINE STATE GRANGE CONVENTION**

**Vitamins and Herbal Supplements**

*Submitted by Norway Grange No. 45*

**Whereas**, it has been determined that some store-brand dietary vitamin and herbal supplements have been found not to contain the beneficial vitamins or herbs stated on the label, and

**Whereas**, many of these supplement products originate in countries where there is no regulation or oversight by a governing body or consumer protection agency, and

**Whereas**, these products are not subject to testing in this country before being offered to the public, and

**Whereas** consumers have a right to know the origin of products they purchase, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that for the protection of the consuming public, the Grange promote and support legislation requiring that vitamin and herbal supplements be labeled to indicate the country of origin.

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**Universally Uniformed State Vehicle Inspections**

*Submitted by Cumberland Pomona No. 15*

**Whereas**, the residents of Cumberland County endure a greater burden in the car inspection process, and

**Whereas**, the residents of Cumberland County are being penalized with an additional inspection fee than the other counties in the State of Maine, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that the Maine State Grange go on record as supporting a uniformed State inspection process and fee by eliminating Title 29A, Sub-Section 1751 2A Enhanced inspection.

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**Two Year Vehicle Inspections**

*Submitted by Cumberland Pomona No. 15*

**Whereas**, the annual need of inspections of non-commercial vehicles less than five (5) years old are really not necessary, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that for non-commercial vehicles not over five (5) years old occur every two (2) years.

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**Increasing Medicare Part D Coverage**

*Submitted by Norway No. 45*

**Whereas**, the cost of prescription drugs continues to rise, and

**Whereas**, Medicare Part D coverage is not keeping pace with these increased costs pushing Medicare recipients into the drug coverage gap, otherwise known as the "donut hole", sooner each year, and

**Whereas**, the annual cost to the recipient of Medicare and supplemental insurance has increased substantially and is a greater burden to individuals living on retirement income, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that the National Grange seek legislation to increase the allowable amount of Total Drug Costs in the Medicare Initial Coverage Stage.

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### **Marijuana in Maine**

*Submitted by Androscoggin Pomona No. 1*

**Whereas**, there is increasing effort by groups in Maine to legalize marijuana for recreational purposes, and

**Whereas**, this would have the potential to open a floodgate of unknown problems, and

**Whereas**, marijuana is still considered to be an illegal substance by the federal government, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that the Maine State Grange go on record stating its opposition to the efforts to legalize marijuana in Maine for recreational purposes.

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### **Community-Based Local Food Production**

*Submitted by Halcyon No. 345*

**Whereas**, small farms operating to support farm families and local residents have a long historical presence in the State of Maine; and

**Whereas**, the state Department of Agriculture was established in 1979 for the express purpose of ensuring small farm viability, and

**Whereas**, state and federal regulations in regard to small farm production have become financially onerous and scale-inappropriate for small family farms, and

**Whereas**, traditional food exchanges rest on trust and personal responsibility (including face-to-face farm sales and community social events, including but not limited to grange suppers and bake sales), and

**Whereas**, the opportunity for municipalities to opt out of federal and/or state licensing and inspection removes barriers preventing small farm entry into local food markets, and

**Whereas**, Maine Home Rule authorizes municipalities to enact ordinances for the purposes of advancing the public, health, safety and welfare if its residents, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Maine State Grange will use its influence to urge the passage of legislation recognizing municipalities' authority to regulate by ordinance the direct producer-to-customer exchange of all food grown, harvested, prepared, processed or produced in the municipality.