Title: Resolution to Label Food Produced From Genetically Engineered Seeds

Proposed by: Spencer Creek Grange #855

WHEREAS, the terms Genetically Engineered (GE), Genetically Modified (GM) and Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) are used interchangeably, and

WHEREAS, there is currently no mandatory pre-market or post-market safety review of genetically modified food products by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to determine public health impacts; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, the American Academy of Environmental Medicine called for a moratorium on GM foods pending independent long term studies to investigate the role of GM foods on human health asserting that "there is more than a casual association between GM foods and adverse health effects"; and

WHEREAS, at least 64 countries, including Japan, Australia, New Zealand, Russia, Korea, China, India, Brazil, Saudi Arabia and South Africa and the entire European Union require labeling of GM foods for import and export; and

WHEREAS, the states of Vermont, Maine and Connecticut have passed GMO labeling laws and, as of June of 2014, at least 20 additional states are working on laws that would require labeling of foods containing GMOs; and

WHEREAS, a 2010 Washington Post poll, a 2010 Reuters poll, a 2011 MSNBC poll and a 2012 NY Times poll all found that at least 93 precent of U.S. consumers want genetically engineered ingredients to be labeled; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Oregon State Grange lobby Oregon's state legislators to support legislation requiring the mandatory labeling of all food produced from genetically engineered seed; and be it further

RESOLVED that all foods that are labeled as non-GMO be certified as such by an independent organization; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Oregon State Grange lobbyist shall specifically report in the OSG Bulletin the lobbying efforts made that year in support of any current GMO Labeling legislation or initiative.