

## RESOLUTION # 43

### COTTAGE FOOD REGULATIONS AND HONEY

1           **WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Beekeepers were disappointed that Governor Murphy,  
2           in January 2022, exercised a pocket veto on Senate Bill S73, despite its unanimous passage  
3           by the Legislature; and

4           **WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Department of Health already had instituted regulations  
5           on “Cottage Food” products that improperly included honey, which is a raw food product.

6           **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the delegates to the 107<sup>th</sup> State  
7           Agricultural Convention, gathered in Atlantic City, New Jersey, on February 9-10, 2022, do  
8           hereby request that the New Jersey Department of Health delete honey from non-TCS  
9           Cottage Food product list under N.J.A.C. 8:24-1.5 definitions.

10           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that we urge the New Jersey Legislature to pass,  
11           and the Governor to sign, a law stating that honey is a raw food product and not subject to  
12           the Cottage Food regulations.