

11-051-COE

TITLE: LABELING GENETICALLY MODIFIED FOOD

PROPOSED BY: Ojai Valley Grange No. 659 And Pomona 50

- WHEREAS:** Californians have a right to know if they are eating and feeding their children and animals genetically modified food (GMOs) that has been shown to cause liver and kidney toxicity in rats; and
- WHEREAS:** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is charged with the duty to determine the safety of genetically engineered (GE) crops; and
- WHEREAS:** Data submitted by Monsanto Corporation to the FDA and obtained through lawsuits by the European Committee for Research & Independent Information on Genetic Engineering (CRIIGEN) showed the only toxicological tests done on GMOs resulted in liver and kidney toxicity to rats and other serious toxic effects fed two forms of genetically modified Bt corn for only 90 days; and
- WHEREAS:** Producers of GMOs claim that standard toxicity studies including multigenerational tests following the effects on blood and organ parameters are too expensive to do; and
- WHEREAS:** A 2012 ballot initiative is being organized at the grassroots to defend the right to know what is in food products and to protect especially children from potential health risks through mandatory labeling of GMOs in food; therefore be it
- RESOLVED:** That the California State Grange opposes FDA approval of Genetically Engineered crops for human consumption unless third party toxicity studies prove they are safe; and be it further
- RESOLVED:** That the California State Grange support initiatives that would enact a state law requiring the labeling of GMOs in food.