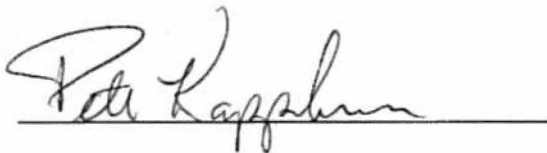


## RESOLUTION

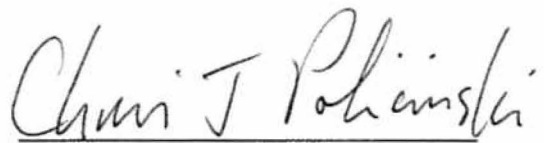
**WHEREAS**, in recognition of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the creation of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Board of Directors of Land O'Lakes acknowledges the many ways that USDA works with the cooperative and its members in serving the needs of farmers, cooperatives, and rural Americans, including:

- With the Secretary of Agriculture and the policy leaders of the Department on agricultural policy;
- With the Rural Development Cooperative Programs and the Capper-Volstead Committee on issues that affect the ability of American farmers to form cooperatives and work together through their cooperatives for mutual benefit;
- With the Ag Marketing Service on administration of Federal Milk Marketing Orders;
- With the National Dairy Board on research and promotion of dairy products;
- With APHIS on review and approval of new varieties of crop seeds with biotech traits;
- With the Food & Nutrition Service on the school lunch and school breakfast programs and the development of dairy products that provide America's school children with wholesome and nutritious menu items;
- With the Foreign Ag Service on implementation of agricultural development and international feeding programs through PL 480, the Farmer-to-Farmer Program, the McGovern-Dole International School Feeding Program, and the Local/Regional Procurement Program for agricultural commodities used in international agricultural development programs;
- With the Foreign Ag Service on market development activities for U.S. dairy and other agricultural products in world markets;
- With the Ag Policy Advisory Committee and the Ag Technical Advisory Committees on trade policy issues that affect U.S. agricultural products in world markets;
- With the Natural Resources Conservation Service on programs that farmers use to protect and conserve our nation's soil and water resources;
- With NRCS and Farm Service Agency through our involvement with the Innovation Center for U.S. Dairy on sustainability initiatives for dairy farmers and the dairy industry.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors of Land O'Lakes congratulates and commends the Department on reaching its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary and pledges to continue and expand our cooperative participation in USDA programs and activities for the benefit of American farmers and the food and agricultural industry.



Pete Kappelman  
Chairman of the Board



Christopher J. Policinski  
President & Chief Executive Officer