

# TROPICAL BLOSSOM

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### Ref. Docket# 2006P 0101

Dear Sirs:

We are writing in support of the proposed Standard of Honey referenced in the above docket.

Our company has been marketing specialty Florida and Georgia honey Since 1940. The need for a honey standard in the USA is not new, but even more urgent today. As an exporter of quality U.S. Honey, we have been required to comply with honey standards outlined in the Codex Alimentarius, and by the Saudi Arabian Standards Organization, for many years.

Our founder, David K. McGinnis, began work on the industry effort to adopt a honey standard with the National Honey Packers and Dealers Assoc. back in the 1970's.

As long as honey adulterators, and those marketing honey imitators, can ply their trade using the good name of pure honey, the U.S. Honey industry and U.S. Beekeepers will be faced with economic hardships. And without beekeepers, bees will not be available to pollinate the many food and forage crops that require their services.

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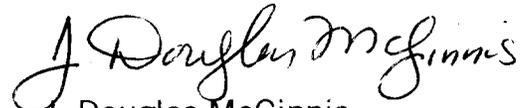
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A U.S. Standard will also enable the U.S. to have a firmer position when dealing with international honey monitoring and trade disputes, such as what we faced with the EU Food Commission just a few years ago.

Please give careful attention to this request to adopt a U.S. Honey standard.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "J. Douglas McGinnis". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

J. Douglas McGinnis

Vice president