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IFHE World Congress 2016 Resolution

“Hope & Happiness”

WHEREAS IFHE

- is concerned that societal problems impact negatively on the health and wellbeing of individuals, families and communities, especially vulnerable groups including children and the elderly; refugees and displaced;
- affirms that hope enables an optimism and agency that the future can be made and that the present can be changed by human action collectively;
- affirms the contribution of Home Economics to optimise happiness as subjective wellbeing, together with objective wellbeing which relates to measures of personal and societal qualities;
- acknowledges that indicators of hope and happiness require further action and development in order to adequately reflect the health and wellbeing of individuals, families and communities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that IFHE Members and allied supporters continue to develop policies and strategies that

- promote the pursuit of hope in order to harness curiosity, resilience, relentlessness, inventiveness and ingenuity so that the future can be improved, not at the expense of others, but alongside others, to achieve health, wellbeing and sustainable living;
- promote the pursuit of happiness as a measure of health and wellbeing;
- advance the various dimensions of Home Economics in everyday life, education and through advocacy to promote hope and happiness;
- demand our partners of influence advocate and act to privilege hope and happiness to transform societies and enable empowerment for action;
- contribute to the development of these indicators of hope and happiness in order to adequately reflect the wellbeing of individuals, families and communities;
- support the targets of the UN Sustainable Development Goals through the lens of IFHE Statements including the aspects Fair Trade, Ethical Consumption, and Global Environment Conservation as the basis for individual and global hope and happiness.