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TO: Health Commissioners, Directors of Environment Health and Interested Parties

RE: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2016-26

### Marathon Ventures, Incorporated Announces Voluntary Recall of Raw Macadamia Nuts Due to Possible Health Risk

February 23, 2016 - BELLEVUE, NEBRASKA - Marathon Ventures, Inc. announced today that it is voluntarily recalling various retail and bulk packages containing raw macadamia nuts as a precautionary measure because the product may be contaminated with Salmonella, an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy persons infected with Salmonella often experience fever, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea (which may be bloody), and abdominal pain. In rare circumstances, infection with Salmonella can result in the organism getting into the bloodstream and producing more severe illnesses such as arterial infections (i.e., infected aneurysms), endocarditis and arthritis.

The recalled products were sold between July 2, 2015 and February 3, 2016, through grocery, foodservice, other retail outlets, and direct mail orders via company website nationwide. Affected products are packaged as follows:

UPC	BRAND	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION	UNIT WT	CODE DATE / LOT NUMBER	LOT CODE LOCATION
0 15400 86635 4	Shurfine	Macadamia Diced Nuts	5oz / 142g	Best By: 2 SEP 2016	Front of bag - top right
0 15400 16635 5	Western Family	Macadamia Diced Nuts	5oz / 142g	Best By: 3 AUG 2016	Front of bag - top right
				Best By: 4 AUG 2016	Front of bag - top right
				Best By: 2 SEP 2016	Front of bag - top right

UPC	BRAND	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION	UNIT WT	CODE DATE / LOT NUMBER	LOT CODE LOCATION
0 75450 13287 8	HyVee	Macadamia Nuts	2oz / 57g	Best By: 10 JUL 2016	Back of bag - mid right
0 85239 52108 3	Market Pantry	Chopped Macadamia Nuts	2.25oz / 64g	Best By: 13 AUG 2016	Back of bag - right side
				Best By: 11 SEP 2016	Back of bag - right side
0 75049 42186 4	Pear's Gourmet	Macadamia Nuts Raw	16oz / 454g	Best By: 11 SEP 2016	Front of bag - near top
				Best By: 25 SEP 2016	Front of bag - near top
06509	Cash-Wa Distributing	Macadamia Nuts Raw	5lbs / 2.27kg	15204	Bot right on case label
				15260	Bot right on case label
Bulk Case	Nutpro C.C.	Macadamia Nuts Style #5	25lbs	79818	Case label

The issue was brought to the Company's attention by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) following a Salmonella positive product found during routine product sampling.

There have been no illnesses or injuries reported to-date affiliated with these products. Anyone concerned about an injury/illness should contact a physician immediately. Marathon Ventures, Inc. has informed the FDA of its actions and is cooperating fully with the ongoing investigation.

Consumers who have purchased the items listed above should not consume this product and should return it to the store of purchase for a full refund or replacement.

Consumers may direct their questions regarding the recalled items to Marathon Ventures, Inc. at (402) 934-8223 Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:30PM Central Time or via e-mail at [qa@marathonventuresinc.com](mailto:qa@marathonventuresinc.com)