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#### RESOLUTION NO. 1

#### PLUM POX ERADICATION

In October 1999, plum pox disease was identified in peach orchards in Adams County, Pennsylvania. This was the first detection of this disease in North America. On November 19, 1999 Canada invoked a quarantine prohibiting the shipment of stone fruit plants (except cherries) from the United States. This virus disease is known to infect trees of the species *Prunus* including peach, plum, apricot, nectarine, and almond. In Europe, plum pox is considered the most serious disease affecting stone fruit, reducing yields and causing deformed and unmarketable fruit. There is no cure for this disease once a tree becomes infected. The disease is spread by several species of aphids and by movement of infected budwood and nursery stock. The strain of the virus discovered in Pennsylvania is not known to be seed transmitted. For many years, *Prunus* nursery stock and budwood has been traded by producers across the Canadian and United States border

Since this disease was discovered late in the growing season, little survey work has been completed. It is vitally important that a comprehensive national survey be conducted throughout the stone fruit production areas of the United States so that the range of the disease can be identified and the infected trees can be destroyed to protect balance of the industry.

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the Central Plant Board at its 76<sup>th</sup> annual meeting in Lansing Michigan, on February 10, 2000, urges that United States Secretary of Agriculture Glickman develop a standardized survey protocol and coordinate and fund a survey to determine the presence or absence of plum pox in horticultural and ornamental *Prunus* species across the United States, and eradicate this disease by immediately enacting a federal quarantine in the infected area, declaring an extraordinary emergency along with the issuance of destruction orders and compensation provisions when rates are established and needed funds are approved; and

That Secretary Glickman aggressively negotiate fair, harmonious and scientifically sound policies regarding the trade of *Prunus* plant material between the United States and Canada which recognize actual disease risk and the history of plant material exchange between the two countries; and

That the federal Office of Management and Budget move quickly to identify and make available the funds necessary to adequately compensate for the production losses of those farmers whose trees must be removed in order to eradicate this disease from the United States.

**Distribution:**

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