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RESOLUTION NO. 2

National Direction for a Firewood Movement Education Campaign

The introduction and movement of invasive and exotic forest pests is often accelerated and assisted by human activities. State and federal agencies have implemented regulatory strategies to address a number of known pest pathways such as commercial log movement, nursery stock, etc. The movement of firewood is, however, a pathway that is outside of normal regulatory restrictions and is largely moved by private individuals with little or no knowledge about quarantine or regulatory restrictions. Firewood has great potential to introduce highly destructive forest and tree pests such as Gypsy moth, emerald ash borer, and Asian longhorned beetle into new uninfested susceptible locations. States which may be impacted by these introductions have little or no ability or authority to inform or interact with interstate travelers or tourists.

RESOLVED, by the Central Plant Board at its 83rd annual meeting in Columbus, Ohio on February 7, 2007, request that USDA APHIS and USDA Forest Service develop in cooperation with the National Plant Board and the National Association of State Foresters a National educational and outreach program that has a goal of informing interstate tourists and travelers that firewood has the potential to introduce dangerous and damaging plant pests and as such should not be carried for long distances.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that USDA APHIS and Forest Service working with state representatives from the National Plant Board develop a clear national message that is consistent and uniform across state lines.

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