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RESOLUTION NO. 5

FUNDING AND AGENCY RESPONSE FOR EXOTIC INSECT PEST PROGRAMS

In recent years, the United States' forests and ornamental plant industries have been threatened by the introduction of a number of exotic invasive insect pests. Specific examples include Asian longhorned beetle, *Anoploplura glabripennis*, which was discovered in New York in 1996 and in the Chicago area in 1998 and the Emerald ash borer, *Agrilus planipennis*, was identified in Michigan and subsequently in Northwest Ohio and Northeast Indiana in 2002. In 2005, the Sirex woodwasp, *Sirex noctilio* was identified in New York State. Each of these forest pests was likely introduced into the United States as a result of foreign trade and represents a significant threat to the forests and urban areas of the United States.

Early detection, rapid response and control of these pests are essential. However, neither appropriated nor emergency funding have provided an adequate level of support to ensure effective detection and control. As a result, the opportunity for eradication of Emerald Ash Borer has been lost and jeopardized for Asian longhorned beetle and Sirex woodwasp.

RESOLVED, by the National Plant Board at its annual meeting in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on August 16, 2006, that USDA implement detection, response and control/eradication of invasive exotic insect pests. Additionally, USDA, APHIS, PPQ must work cooperatively with state and federal agencies, environmental groups, agricultural associations, and industry to build a broad coalition of support to develop a funding mechanism to support this ongoing effort.

Motion to adopt: Gene Cross, Chair, Resolutions/Policy Committee
Seconded by: Shashank Nilahke, TX Member

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