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APPRECIATION FOR APHIS PPQ SUPPORT OF EASTERN PLANT BOARD RESOLUTIONS

WHEREAS the Eastern Plant Board issued a resolution at their 2014 Annual Meeting in Princeton, New Jersey that APHIS continue to work with states to provide technical assistance and training to conduct weed risk assessments (WRA).

WHEREAS members of Maryland's Invasive Plant Advisory Committee and staff from the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture have spent time over the past year in Raleigh with CPHST PERAL staff undergoing intensive training in the use of the PPQ WRA, and PERAL has reviewed the draft Maryland WRA products.

WHEREAS the Eastern Plant Board issued a resolution at their Annual Meeting in Princeton, New Jersey that APHIS commit to funding a national CAPS Meeting and that this commitment occur in advance of the CAPS work plan submission process, or allow amendments to state's work plans in order to facilitate attendance by State Survey Coordinators (SSC) and State Plant Regulatory Officials (SPRO) at this meeting.

WHEREAS plans for a 2015 National CAPS meeting to be held December 2015 in Albuquerque, New Mexico is moving forward with proposed support for SSCs and SPROs to attend.

RESOLVED that the Eastern Plant Board at their Annual Meeting in Portsmouth, New Hampshire on April 9, 2015 greatly appreciates APHIS' support of these resolutions and looks forward to continued cooperation on projects of interest and value to APHIS and the states.

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