

SOUTHERN PLANT BOARD

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Williamsburg, Virginia

RESOLUTION # 7

ASIAN LONGHORNED BEETLE ERADICATION

Given the threat that invasive exotic species pose to the forest resources of this country it is important that USDA maintain the ability to respond aggressively to minimize the spread of exotics already established as well as to eradicate new exotics like the Asian longhorned beetle, *Anoplophora glabripennis*.

First discovered in North America in Brooklyn, New York in 1996 and subsequently in Chicago, Illinois in 1998 and New Jersey and Toronto in 2003, this insect has led to the destruction of thousands of trees. Millions of dollars have been spent in the effort put forth by USDA-APHIS-PPQ, the Illinois, New York, and New Jersey departments of agriculture, and the cities of Chicago and New York to aggressively pursue the eradication of this serious forest pest. The Strategic Plan for Eradication of Asian Longhorned Beetle from New York and Illinois outlines a specific plan for methodically eliminating this insect from North America. The plan is based on a reasonable expectation of detection and destruction of infested trees, implementation of quarantine regulations and science-based control methods. Eradication of this pest from the United States is within reach. Adequate funding is an essential core component to the successful eradication of the Asian longhorned beetle from North America. Failure to adequately fund this program will lead to increased costs and risk to forest resources throughout North America.

Resolved: That the Southern Plant Board at its annual meeting in Williamsburg, Virginia on April 7, 2004, urges USDA APHIS PPQ to obtain full and adequate funding of at least 46 million dollars for the 2005 annual appropriation for this program in order to complete eradication of Asian longhorned beetle, *Anoplophora glabripennis*.

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