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**MANAGEMENT OF NON-NATIVE INSECTS**

**WHEREAS** agriculture is Colorado’s 3<sup>rd</sup> largest industry, and

**WHEREAS** the infestation of non-native invasive insects such as the Japanese Beetle, Emerald Ash Borer and European Wood Wasp poses a threat to the future viability of Colorado’s orchard crops, nursery stock, and our forest resources, and

**WHEREAS** Colorado is one of a minority of states which do not require a quarantine on the importation of nursery crops, the primary source for introduction of non-native insects, and

**WHEREAS** the imposition of a quarantine on imported nursery crops will increase the cost of such imports, and Colorado is a net importer of such crops;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that CLUB 20 urges the Colorado Department of Agriculture to aggressively explore the current and potential future impacts of invasive non-native insects on Colorado’s agriculture industry, nursery crop industry, and forest resources, and consider appropriate measures (including the possibility of a statewide quarantine on imported nursery crops) to address this problem, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that CLUB 20 urges both state and federal governments to provide the funding necessary to support effective control of these invasive insects.

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