Joint Resolution to Eliminate the New Hampshire Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Quarantine

WHEREAS hemlock woolly adelgid has been detected in 120 towns and 9 counties in New Hampshire.

WHEREAS hemlock woolly adelgid can be moved by birds, wildlife and other pathways not controllable by regulation.

WHEREAS recent detections of hemlock woolly adelgid indicate that natural spread by birds and wildlife has become the primary way that new infestations are established.

WHEREAS control options exist for management of hemlock woolly adelgid.

WHEREAS there are best management practices for hemlock woolly adelgid in forested settings, managed landscapes, and for movement of nursery stock.

WHEREAS RSA 433:28 prohibits the sale of nursery stock infested with dangerous plant pests or diseases.

WHEREAS RSA 433:29 – 433:30 provide the authority to inspect and require treatment or disposal of infested nursery stock.

WHEREAS RSA 227-K: 17 prohibits the sale, offering for sale, giving away, moving or shipping any tree or forest product into or within New Hampshire that is known or believed to be infested with a forest pest declared as a dangerous insect or disease.

THEREFORE existing regulations address the risk of moving hemlock woolly adelgid in trade and the hemlock woolly adelgid quarantine no longer delivers significant value in impacting the spread of hemlock woolly adelgid within New Hampshire.

THEREFORE Said Quarantine is ELIMINATED: MARCH 16, 2018

[Signatures and dates]

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