Governor’s Proclamation Template for
Invasive Plant Pest and Disease Awareness Month
2019

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, citizens in the great state of [State] are entitled to enjoy clean water, fresh air, lush landscapes, parks and green spaces, crop and food diversity, recreational destinations, wildlife habitats and prized natural resources; and,

WHEREAS, the introduction and spread of invasive plant pests and diseases continue to threaten and damage our state’s trees, forests and food crops; and,

WHEREAS, by taking responsibility for our actions and being careful not to accidentally move invasive pests, especially those known as "Hungry Pests," we can curtail their human-assisted spread and help reduce the risk to [State’s] forests, landscapes and agriculture; and,

WHEREAS, spring marks the emergence of these damaging pests that can hide in firewood or attach to outdoor items; hitchhike on cars, trucks, vans and campers; or spread on homegrown fruit, vegetables and plants sent through the mail, carried on a flight or given as gifts; and

WHEREAS, this is an opportunity for the public – residents and visitors alike – to join forces with Federal and state agencies, township and county governments, businesses, industry, environmental groups, schools, community organizations and fellow citizens to help stop invasive pests;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, [name], Governor of the State of [State] do hereby proclaim April 2019 as Invasive Plant Pest and Disease Awareness Month and encourage all citizens to increase their understanding and awareness of invasive plant pests and diseases—specifically, those designated as Hungry Pests – whose destruction has great environmental, ecological and economic impact on our nation, state and communities.

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