Community Proclamation template

Invasive Plant Pest and Disease Awareness Month

Whereas, the citizens in the great state of (State) live fully and abundantly and enjoy clean water, fresh air, safe neighborhoods, lush landscapes, parks and green spaces, crop and food diversity, recreational opportunities and a multitude of prized natural resources, and

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

Whereas, by increasing public awareness and understanding of these destructive plant pests and diseases, our community can help curtail their human-assisted spread, and

Whereas, by taking responsibility for our actions and being careful not to accidentally move invasive pests, we can help reduce the risk to (State’s) forests, landscapes, and agriculture, and

Whereas, spring marks the emergence of damaging pests that threaten our state and can hide in fruit, vegetables, plants, firewood or on familiar outdoor items or hitchhike on our cars and trucks, and

Whereas, Invasive Plant Pest and Awareness Month is an opportunity for the Village/City of (Village/City Name) to join forces with state and federal agencies, township and county governments, business, industry, environmental groups, community organizations, and citizens to stop the spread of invasive pests.

NOW THEREFORE, I, (Name) Mayor, do hereby proclaim the month of April as

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in the (Village/City) of (Municipality Name). I encourage all citizens to increase their understanding and awareness of (name invasive pest or pests) and their environmental, ecological, and economic impact on our community, the State of (State), and the United States of America.