

House Resolution

No. 34

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House Resolution No. 34—Relative to Invasive Plant Pest and
Disease Awareness Month.

1 WHEREAS, California is the largest agricultural producer in
2 the United States with more than 400 different agricultural
3 commodities that are grown statewide; and

4 WHEREAS, California maintains more than 270 state parks,
5 representing nearly 1.4 million acres, with over 280 miles of
6 coastline, 625 acres of lake and river frontage, and 3,000 miles of
7 hiking, biking, and equestrian trails; and

8 WHEREAS, California has more than 1,000 lakes that provide
9 habitat for fish and wildlife, support recreational activities, and
10 distribute water to farmland and cities across the state; and

11 WHEREAS, California has had more than 13.4 million
12 international visitors in 2008; and

13 WHEREAS, California has 11 ports, more than 900 airports,
14 and 29 highways allowing access into the state for persons and
15 invasive species; and

16 WHEREAS, Invasive species pose a serious threat to
17 California's natural habitat, its farms and ranches, and its economy
18 and public health; and

19 WHEREAS, Due to the increase in invasive species in our state,
20 the Secretary of Food and Agriculture, the Secretary of the Natural
21 Resources Agency, the Secretary for Environmental Protection,

1 the Secretary of California Emergency Management, the Secretary
2 of California Health and Human Services, and the Secretary of
3 Business, Transportation and Housing formed the Invasive Species
4 Council of California (ISCC) that represents the highest level of
5 leadership and coordination for this issue in state government.
6 Under the auspices of the ISCC, the California Invasive Species
7 Advisory Committee (CISAC) was formed and is comprised of
8 diverse stakeholders. The CISAC developed a list of invasive
9 species threatening California and is in the process of developing
10 a strategic action plan.

11 WHEREAS, Invasive species disrupt areas they invade,
12 damaging crops, altering wildfire intensity and frequency, and
13 costing millions of dollars in treatments by industry and
14 government;; now, therefore, be it

15 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California,* That the
16 Assembly of the State of California, in recognition of the challenge
17 and threat of invasive species which must be dealt with by, among
18 others, farmers, ranchers, industry, citizens, and government,
19 hereby proclaims the month of August 2010 as Invasive Plant Pest
20 and Disease Awareness Month and encourages all Californians to
21 help the state meet the challenge of invasive species by becoming
22 aware of, and acting as needed, to effectively deal with the threat
23 invasive species pose; and be it further

24 *Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
25 of this resolution to the Members of the Legislature and to the
26 author for appropriate distribution.

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