

The State of New Hampshire
By Her Excellency
Margaret Wood Hassan, Governor

A Proclamation

EMERALD ASH BORER AWARENESS WEEK
MAY 22-28, 2016

WHEREAS, The emerald ash borer is an invasive beetle from east Asia, threatening the health of New Hampshire's ash trees; and

WHEREAS, The emerald ash borer has been detected in four counties in New Hampshire since 2013; and

WHEREAS, Emerald ash borer infestations continue to expand in other New England states, including Massachusetts and Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, Ash trees are an important part of New Hampshire's forests and natural communities, wood products industry, and urban-landscaped communities, as well as part of the cultural history and economy of local Native American basket makers; and

WHEREAS, The emerald ash borer is transported long distances by people moving federally regulated articles, including unprocessed ash wood products and nursery stock and all hardwood firewood; and

WHEREAS, The economic and ecological costs associated with emerald ash borer infestation and the impacts to communities, nurseries, and wood products industries are reduced when the human-assisted spread of infested materials is limited; and

WHEREAS, The New Hampshire Department of Agriculture, Markets and Food and the Department of Resources and Economic Development are cooperatively engaged in both the detection of emerald ash borer and enforcement of the emerald ash borer quarantine; and

WHEREAS, New Hampshire's municipalities and landowners can mitigate their emerald ash borer-associated costs by developing and implementing, as necessary, an emerald ash borer preparedness plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARGARET WOOD HASSAN, GOVERNOR of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim **MAY 22-28, 2016**, as **EMERALD ASH BORER AWARENESS WEEK** and encourage all citizens, landowners, and municipalities to learn more about emerald ash borer and what we can do as a community to prepare for the treatment or removal and replacement of ash trees.



Given this 20th day of May, in the year of Our Lord two thousand and sixteen, and the independence of the United States of America, two hundred and forty.

Margaret Wood Hassan
Governor