



City of Columbus

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To proclaim the week of May 18, 2008, as Emerald Ash Borer Awareness Week.

Whereas, over five billion ash trees exist in the great state of Ohio that contribute to air and water quality, property and land values, reduced heating and cooling costs, reduced soil erosion, temperature moderation, recreational destinations, wildlife habitats, manufacturing, commerce, and tourism; and

Whereas, Emerald Ash Borer (EAB), a destructive exotic beetle, was first discovered in Ohio in 2003, threatening the state's and the nation's valued ash tree resources; and

Whereas, by increasing public awareness and understanding of EAB, our community can assist in curtailing the artificial spread of the beetle to allow research more time to develop tools to battle the devastating insect and help better protect our ash trees; and

Whereas, employing a cooperative spirit and encouraging environmental stewardship in our community ultimately reduces the risk to Ohio's woodlands and landscapes; and

Whereas, spring marks the beginning of the travel and tourism season in Ohio, kicking off camping season and more abundant firewood movement throughout the state; and

Whereas, Emerald Ash Borer Awareness Week is an opportunity for the City of Columbus to join forces with state and federal agencies, township and county governments, business, industry, environmental groups, community organizations, and citizens to take action against the spread and introduction of EAB; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

That the Columbus City Council does hereby proclaim the week of May 18, 2008 as Emerald Ash Borer Awareness Week in the City of Columbus and encourages all citizens to increase their understanding and awareness of EAB and its environmental, ecological, and economic impact on our community, the State of Ohio, and the United States of America.