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## ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 89

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

## 213th LEGISLATURE

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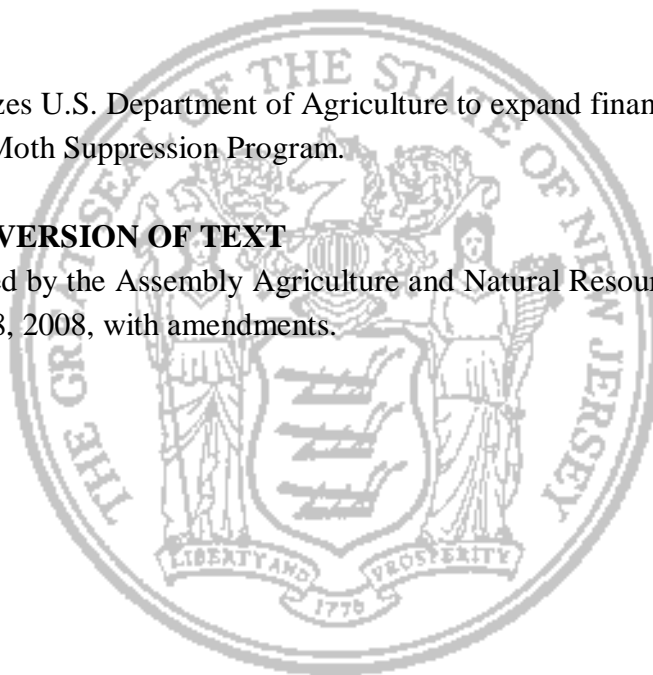
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**SYNOPSIS**

Memorializes U.S. Department of Agriculture to expand financial support for NJ's Gypsy Moth Suppression Program.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee on January 28, 2008, with amendments.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 2/8/2008)**

1 AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION memorializing the United States  
2 Department of Agriculture to expand financial support for New  
3 Jersey's Gypsy Moth Suppression Program.

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5 WHEREAS, The gypsy moth is the most destructive forest insect pest to  
6 infest New Jersey's forests, and its continued presence in the State  
7 is a serious threat to New Jersey's woodland resources due to the  
8 threat of defoliation; and

9 WHEREAS, <sup>1</sup>~~["Defoliation"]~~ According to the New Jersey Department  
10 of Agriculture, defoliation<sup>1</sup> from the gypsy moth has been  
11 increasing in recent years from 6,500 acres in 2004 to 44,000 acres  
12 in 2005 to 125,000 in 2006 <sup>1</sup>~~["], leading to 2007 potentially being"]~~ to  
13 more than 320,000 acres in 2007,<sup>1</sup> the worst year for defoliation in  
14 the State since <sup>1</sup>~~["2001"]~~ 1990<sup>1</sup> , when <sup>1</sup>~~["140,000"]~~ 431,000<sup>1</sup> acres  
15 were devastated; and

16 WHEREAS, The New Jersey Department of Agriculture implements a  
17 voluntary gypsy moth suppression program in which municipalities  
18 may choose to take part; however, a participating municipality must  
19 fund the program unless financial support is provided by the State,  
20 with the assistance of the United States Department of Agriculture;  
21 and

22 WHEREAS, At one time the State, with assistance from the United  
23 States Department of Agriculture, contributed to municipalities up  
24 to 50 percent of the costs of spraying for gypsy moths; and

25 WHEREAS, Although \$750,000 was provided by the United States  
26 Department of Agriculture to the State in 2006 to aid the Gypsy  
27 Moth Suppression Program, municipalities were still compelled to  
28 fund 75 percent of the cost of the suppression program that year;  
29 and

30 WHEREAS, Given the current financial situation in the State and most  
31 municipalities, it is unlikely that the proper funding will be  
32 allocated to gypsy moth suppression unless the United States  
33 Department of Agriculture assists in this effort; now, therefore,  
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35 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the General Assembly of the State of New*  
36 *Jersey:*

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38 1. The United States Department of Agriculture is respectfully  
39 memorialized to expand funding for the New Jersey Gypsy Moth  
40 Suppression Program in order to aid municipalities in fighting the  
41 devastating effects of this forest pest.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[ thus ]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup>Assembly AAN committee amendments adopted January 28, 2008.

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1       2. Duly authenticated copies of this resolution, signed by the  
2 Speaker of the General Assembly and attested to by the Clerk  
3 thereof, shall be transmitted to the Secretary of the United States  
4 Department of Agriculture, the Chief of the Natural Resources  
5 Conservation Service of that department, and the Secretary of the  
6 New Jersey Department of Agriculture.