

1 **2020 NYSAC Legislative Conference**  
2 **Standing Committee on Agriculture & Rural Affairs**  
3 **Resolution #2**

4 **Calling on the State of New York to Study and Find Solutions to the Growing**  
5 **Invasive Eurasian Boar Population**

6 **WHEREAS**, Eurasian boar, otherwise known as feral swine/pig or wild boar is an  
7 invasive species that causes prolific damage to the agriculture crops, wildlife, local  
8 ecosystems, including water supplies; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the damage to farming land by the Eurasian boar can be long lasting as  
10 they not only consume the crop, but will also unearth and eat the root of the plants; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the Eurasian boar is considered by experts to be the country’s most  
12 destructive invasive species causing an estimated \$1.5 billion to \$2.5 billion in annual  
13 damage in the U.S. alone; and<sup>1</sup>

14 **WHEREAS**, while a common misperception is that the Eurasian boar can only  
15 proliferate in southern states, they are in fact common in New York, especially in the  
16 Southern Tier; and<sup>2</sup>

17 **WHEREAS**, the Eurasian boar population appears to be spreading more towards the  
18 Northeastern State’s such as New York, and will only add to the need to address this  
19 issue; and<sup>3</sup>

20 **WHEREAS**, the state has already put in place some laws to slow the Eurasian boar  
21 population increase, including making it illegal to import, possess, sell, distribute, trade,  
22 breed, or release them within New York State; and

23 **WHEREAS**, however, even with these State restrictions the population continues to  
24 increase, signaling more must be done.

25 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the New York State Association of  
26 Counties (NYSAC) does hereby call on the Governor and State Legislature to provide a  
27 directive and funding to the State DEC to further study and provide solutions for the  
28 growing Eurasian boar population problem; and

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<sup>1</sup> December 16, 2019 New York Times Article- “Feral Pigs Roam the South. Now Even Northern States Aren’t Safe” <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/12/16/science/feral-pigs-canada-texas.html>

<sup>2</sup> Id

<sup>3</sup> Id

1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, one such solution should be to provide local  
2 resources and home rule authority to regions being hardest hit by this invasive species;  
3 and

4 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution be sent to the counties  
5 of New York State encouraging member counties to enact similar resolutions; and

6 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the New York State Association of Counties shall  
7 forward copies of this resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, the New York State  
8 Legislature and all others deemed necessary.