

STATE OF ILLINOIS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Insect Pest and Plant Disease Act (505 ILCS 90/1 et seq.), the Illinois Department of Agriculture has found as fact that Thousand Cankers Disease of Walnut and the Walnut Twig Beetle exists in other states with respect to which the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States has not determined that a quarantine is necessary and has not established a quarantine, and that specific plants or plant products or other things, coming therefrom into this State is likely to convey Thousand Canker Disease of Walnut and the Walnut Twig Beetle into this State, the Governor may thereupon by proclamation, schedule such state, territory, district, province, or country, or any portion thereof, or any locality therein, and prohibit the bringing therefrom into this State of such insect pests or plant diseases, or any plant product or other things of the kind infested or infected, or likely to be infested or infected, or is likely to convey infestation to plants or plant products in this State, except under such regulations as may be prescribed by the Department of Agriculture and approved by the Governor; and

WHEREAS, Thousand Cankers Disease of Walnut is a plant pest disease complex involving infestation of walnut trees and plants (*Juglans* sp) by the Walnut Twig Beetle (*Pityophthorus juglandis*) and an unnamed species of *Geosmithia* fungus (*Geosmithia* sp.), which eventually kills the walnut tree (*Juglans* sp.); and

WHEREAS, Thousand Cankers Disease of Walnut poses a serious threat to walnut trees in Illinois, and places at risk the ability of Illinois producers to produce, sell and distribute walnut parts (*Juglans* sp) and products intrastate, interstate, and internationally; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to protect Illinois walnut timber and nut production, walnuts as a landscape species, and the native ecosystem from Thousand Cankers Disease of Walnut and the Walnut Twig Beetle; and

WHEREAS, Thousand Cankers Disease of Walnut and the Walnut Twig Beetle are currently present in many states of the western United States and a limited number of states in the eastern United States; and

WHEREAS, unregulated articles are transported into many states with the potential of introducing or spreading Thousand Cankers Disease of Walnut and the Walnut Twig Beetle; and

WHEREAS, quarantine action is necessary to prevent the introduction and spread of Thousand Cankers Disease of Walnut and the Walnut Twig Beetle into and within the State of Illinois:

THEREFORE, I, Pat Quinn, Governor of the State of Illinois do hereby proclaim that, in order to prevent, retard, suppress, and control the spread of the plant pest Thousand Cankers Disease of Walnut, and the Walnut Twig Beetle, **the movement of regulated articles as defined below into or through the State of Illinois, from any other state, territory, or foreign country, by any person, is prohibited** except as set forth below:

- Regulated Articles, as used in this proclamation, shall be defined as all plants, plant parts, and products of the genera *Juglans*; articles of *Juglans*, including, but not limited to logs, green lumber, firewood, nursery stock, bark, mulch, burls, stumps, and packing materials; all life stages of the walnut twig beetle (*Pityophthorus juglandis*); all life stages of the *Geosmithia* fungus (*Geosmithia* sp.), and any article, product, or means of conveyance when it is determined by the Illinois Department of Agriculture to present a risk of spread of the walnut twig beetle or the *Geosmithia* fungus. Exceptions are nuts, nutmeat, and hulls, processed lumber (100% bark free and kiln dried, with squared edges), and finished wood products without bark, including walnut furniture, musical instruments, and gun stocks;
- The sale and/or movement of all regulated articles originating in any of the following areas into Illinois are prohibited unless the person moving or causing to be moved the regulated article has first entered into a compliance agreement with the Illinois Department of Agriculture and the regulated article is accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate from the originating state verifying the material complies with the conditions of the associated Illinois Department of Agriculture compliance agreement pursuant to the Insect Pest and Plant Disease Act:
 - Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia, and Washington in their entirety; and
 - any other areas of the United States as determined by the Illinois Department of Agriculture to have Thousand Cankers Disease of Walnuts;
- The sale and/or movement of all regulated articles originating in areas other than those listed above must provide proof of harvest location of the wood by county and state;
- Any regulated articles moved in violation of this proclamation-established external state quarantine shall at the expense of the owner be either destroyed, returned to the consignor, or otherwise disposed of as the Illinois Department of Agriculture shall direct.
- Notwithstanding the aforementioned provisions of this proclamation, the Director of the Illinois Department of Agriculture may allow, with written approval, the movement of regulated articles into or within Illinois for research purposes.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.



Done at the Capitol, in the City of Springfield,
 this FIRST day of FEBRUARY, in
 the Year of Our Lord two thousand and
TWELVE, and of the State of Illinois
 the one hundred and NINETY-THIRD

Debra White
 SECRETARY OF STATE

Pat Quinn
 GOVERNOR