

RESOLUTION # 8

100 YEARS OF THE NEW JERSEY NURSERY AND LANDSCAPE ASSOCIATION

1 **WHEREAS**, the largest sector of agriculture in New Jersey is
2 Nursery/Greenhouse/Sod, which accounts for \$444.8 million in annual sales, making
3 New Jersey the eighth-leading horticulture-production state in the nation; and

4 **WHEREAS**, New Jersey has been an innovator in the cultivation of nursery,
5 greenhouse and sod since Colonial times, and continues to be so today, in both the
6 methods used to extend the production season in a temperate climate and in the breadth
7 and depth of the plants produced; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the producers in the nursery industry in New Jersey rely upon the
9 sharing of information about new production practices to stay a step ahead of the
10 competition from other states; and

11 **WHEREAS**, many of New Jersey's nursery producers stay informed about
12 crucial information through the New Jersey Nursery and Landscape Association
13 (NJNLA), a professional organization with four chapters throughout the state,
14 representing various facets of the nursery and landscape green industry; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the association was first organized in 1915 as the New Jersey
16 Association of Nurserymen (NJAN), and in 1935, the group incorporated under the same
17 name, representing primarily nurserymen in the southern part of the state; and

18 **WHEREAS**, around the same time, a group of North Jersey plantsmen founded
19 the Metropolitan Nurserymans Association, and in the 1950s, the two groups merged
20 into one organization under NJAN, and added a Central Chapter; and

21 **WHEREAS**, in 1988, the association saw a continued increase in membership
22 from the landscape industry, and the board voted to rename the organization as the New
23 Jersey Nursery and Landscape Association; and

24 **WHEREAS**, the association is dedicated to improving the public's understanding
25 of the professionalism and dedication to quality and service of its member nurserymen
26 and landscapers.

27 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the delegates to the 101st
28 State Agricultural Convention, assembled in Atlantic City, New Jersey, on February 10-
29 11, 2016, do hereby congratulate the New Jersey Nursery and Landscape Association,
30 and its forebearer organizations, on 100 years of serving the nursery and landscape
31 professionals of the state of New Jersey.