

RESOLUTION_ NO. ____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN RAFAEL
OPPOSING THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE
AERIAL SPRAY PROGRAM TO ERADICATE THE LIGHT BROWN APPLE MOTH**

WHEREAS, the Light Brown Apple Moth (LBAM) is a pest subject to Federal and State quarantine and eradication orders; and

WHEREAS, there is a confirmed presence of LBAMs in Marin County; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) plans to begin a LBAM aerial spraying program in Marin County and surrounding areas in spring of 2008; and

WHEREAS, modern Integrated Pest Management (IPM) relies on the least-toxic, environmentally sensitive control methods; and

WHEREAS, aerial and other blanket pesticide applications have been shown in the past to upset natural ecosystem balance in unpredictable ways; and

WHEREAS, the proposed materials to be used in the LBAM spraying program have not been tested for toxic health effects when used in areas of concentrated population; and

WHEREAS, the aerial spraying program has a direct impact on the City of San Rafael due to the fact that the LBAM has been detected within city boundaries and aerial spraying is included in the 2008-09 LBAM Action Plan as a potential treatment strategy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the San Rafael City Council opposes the CDFA aerial spraying program to eradicate LBAM and supports a moratorium on all proposed aerial spray programs until complete, independent study of the potential health effects of all substances, both active and inert, have been completed and requests that CDFA protect the health and welfare of the residents and natural environment of Marin County by immediately shifting its LBAM control methods to least-toxic Integrated Pest Management methods.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the San Rafael City Council directs staff to send a letter from the Mayor to the Governor supporting the current proposed bills regarding pesticide application and public notice.

I, ESTHER C. BEIRNE, Clerk of the City of San Rafael, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly and regularly introduced and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of said City held on Tuesday the 7th day of April, 2008, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:
NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ESTHER C. BEIRNE, City Clerk