

## **State Agriculture and Rural Leaders**

### **Resolution 2010-5**

#### **Resolution on Round Up Ready Alfalfa and GMO Crops**

WHEREAS, weed control is very important to modern agriculture; and

WHEREAS, Round Up Ready Alfalfa was introduced to the market in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Round Up Ready Alfalfa was by court order taken off the market in 2007, with a court order that an environmental impact statement (EIS) be prepared; and

WHEREAS, the required EIS has been completed and made public; and

WHEREAS, Round Up Ready Alfalfa has been found suitable by the USDA to be reintroduced if certain requirements for setbacks and other standards are met; and

WHEREAS, future efficiencies in agriculture can be made by using genetically modified organisms such as Round Up Ready Seed, low lignin and drought tolerant varieties, perennial wheat, and other new technology; and

WHEREAS, USDA-APHIS is accepting comments until Feb 16, 2010 regarding release of Round Up Ready Alfalfa;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Agricultural and Rural Leaders supports the release of Round Up Ready Alfalfa with guidelines for its use;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that SARL supports the development, thorough evaluation, and release of other GMO products which could increase the productivity, efficiency and or nutritional quality of other agriculture products.