To: The Constitution, Bylaws and Resolutions Committee of the Ontario Horticultural Association

From: (Organization):

Presented by (name):

I / we wish to present the following resolution for consideration and presentation to the Ontario Horticultural Association Annual General Meeting or Special Meeting.

Be it resolved that:

Rationale:

Dated at This Day of 20

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Please return completed Resolution Form no later than 60 days prior to the AGM or Special Meeting to:

Charles Freeman, OHA Constitution, Bylaws and Resolutions Committee Chair

545 rue Gascon Street, Hawkesbury, ON K6A 1M4

**Use additional sheets if necessary**

**OHA RESOLUTIONS PROCEDURE**

#### GENERAL

A resolution is one way of expressing the opinions of an organization and should be used for the benefit of the majority. Resolutions can also be used to recommend changes to the by-laws of the organization as well as to the program and policies currently in effect.

The Ontario Horticultural Association (Association) has as one of its Standing Committees, a Constitution, Bylaws and Resolutions Committee chaired by a member of the Association Board. This committee receives all resolutions from the Association Secretary and presents them at the AGM or Special Meeting for consideration.

**PREPARATION**

Establish whether the planned resolution will be for the good of all Association members.

Establish the area of need (Association, local, provincial or national) in order to direct the resolution to the proper body.

Avoid sweeping statements and emotion expression of opinion.

Prepare the resolution for submission using the attached form.

When preparing the resolution make sure that the intent is clear, and that it is well worded and directed to the correct organization. The resolution must state the mover and the seconder, and should be accompanied by any supporting information (newspaper articles, letters, etc.), which reinforces the need for the requested action.

**PROCESS**

A resolution must be approved either at the Society/Club or District level or by the OHA Board of Directors.

Please forward the approved resolution and a copy of the minutes of the meeting at which the resolution was approved to the OHA Constitution, Bylaws and Resolutions Committee Chair who will work with the submitter to finalize the documentation for submission. Upon receipt of the resolution, the Constitution, Bylaws and Resolutions Committee Chair will notify the OHA Secretary that a resolution has been submitted for finalization. Once the resolution has been finalized it will be formally sent to the OHA Secretary for recording and inclusion in the Association's AGM or Special Meeting.

**Please send to**: Charles Freeman, OHA Constitution, Bylaws and Resolutions Committee Chair, 545 rue Gascon Street, Hawkesbury, ON K6A 1M4, cefhawkesbury@hotmail.com, 613-632-8418.

The OHA Constitution, Bylaws and Resolutions Committee Chair must receive resolutions for consideration at the next AGM or Special Meeting no later than 60 days prior to AGM or Special Meeting. Resolutions received after that date will be held and presented at the following year’s AGM or Special Meeting if still relevant and the Secretary will advise the mover of this.

The Constitution, Bylaws and Resolutions Committee will acquaint the Association’s Board of all the resolutions received at the spring board meeting and at the meeting immediately preceding the AGM or Special Meeting.

The Constitution, Bylaws and Resolutions Committee will present all resolutions at the OHA AGM or Special Meeting for discussion and decision. At least one member of the group proposing the resolution must be present and prepared to speak in support of the resolution and answer any questions.

A resolution may be amended from the floor before a vote is taken so long as the amendment does not change the general intent of the resolution. The amendment is discussed and voted upon and if carried, the original resolution is modified to include the amendment. The original motion as amended is then discussed and voted on. If the amendment is defeated, then the original resolution is considered.

A resolution may be withdrawn from consideration provided a written request, signed by the original submitting author, from the originating Society or District, is received by the Secretary prior to the formal opening of the Annual General Meeting or Special Meeting.

Approved resolutions will be forwarded to the Association Secretary for action.

**NOTE**: Resolutions must be compatible with the current Association Constitution in order to be presented.

Resolutions, which affect the Constitution and/or By-Laws, will be subject to the rules governing amendments to those documents.