

## RESOLUTION # 37

### CHOOSING A SUCCESSOR FOR DEAN ROBERT GOODMAN

1           **WHEREAS**, agriculture is a vital industry in the State of New Jersey, one that is  
2 constantly evolving and whose diverse nature of farming operations throughout the state  
3 requires guidance and assistance from the state's Land Grant university, Rutgers, and  
4 especially from the university's School of Environmental and Biological Sciences (SEBS) and  
5 its New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station (NJAES); and

6           **WHEREAS**, SEBS' Dean Robert Goodman will be retiring from that position shortly;  
7 and

8           **WHEREAS**, it is essential that the Rutgers University administration conduct a  
9 thorough search for a successor to Dean Goodman and that the search committee account  
10 for all of the concerns and opportunities in the state's agricultural industry and community.

11           **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the delegates to the 105<sup>th</sup> State  
12 Agricultural Convention, gathered in Atlantic City, New Jersey, on February 5-6, 2020, do  
13 hereby strongly urge that the President of Rutgers and all members of the administration  
14 involved in the search for Dean Goodman's successor, empanel a search committee that  
15 includes adequate and appropriate representation of the agricultural industry and at least two  
16 members from the NJAES Board of Managers, so that agriculture's important interests are  
17 factored in to the choosing of the next SEBS dean.