**PROPOSAL FOR PARTICIPATION IN BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES**

**BEEKEEPER COMPLIANCE AGREEMENT**

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| 1. NAME & MAILING ADDRESS OF OWNER OR AGENT: | 2. APIARY(IES) LOCATIONS BY COUNTY |
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**I/we agree to follow the Best Management Practices for maintaining European Honey Bee Colonies to minimize the threat of Africanized Honey Bees (AHB) and I further agree to participate in the dilution process of any feral AHB populations that may become established, by maintaining gentle managed honey bee colonies that are vital to this effort.**

**BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR**

**MAINTAINING EUROPEAN HONEY BEE COLONIES**

1. Honey bee colony divisions or splits should be queened with production queens or queen cells from EHB breeder queens following these Best Management Practices.
2. Beekeepers are discouraged from collecting swarms that cannot be immediately re-queened from EHB queen producers.
3. Beekeepers should practice good swarm prevention techniques to prevent an abundance of virgin queens and their ready mating with available AHB drones that carry the defensive trait.
4. Maintain all EHB colonies in a strong, healthy, populous condition to discourage usurpation (take over) swarms of AHB.
5. Do not allow any weak or empty colonies to exist in an Apiary, as they may be attractive to AHB swarms.
6. Recommend re-queening with European stock every six months unless using marked or clipped queens and having in possession a bill of sale from a EHB Queen Producer.
7. Immediately re-queen with a European Queen if previously installed clipped or marked queen is found missing.
8. Maintain one European drone source colony (250 square inches of drone comb) for every 10 colonies in order to reduce supercedure queens mating with AHB drones.
9. To protect public safety and reduce beekeeping liability do not site apiaries in proximity of tethered or confined animals, students, the elderly, general public, drivers on public roadways, or visitors where this there could be safety issues.
10. Treat all honey bees with respect.

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| 3. AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE | 4. PRINTED NAME & TITLE | 5. DATE SIGNED |
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**This shall remain in effect until canceled or renewed, but may be revised as necessary or revoked for noncompliance.**