

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS first, the avian leukosis complex costs the poultry industry and thus the general public in excess of 170 million dollars annually; and

WHEREAS secondly, the increase in condemnations due to this disease complex has increased over 1000% in the past six years; and

WHEREAS thirdly, research on this subject is making significant progress; and

WHEREAS fourth, research would progress more rapidly if more funds were available; and

WHEREAS fifth, a control program would likely be the result of knowledge gained from the research; and

WHEREAS sixth, there are epidemiologic and cytologic parallels between avian tumors and those of other animals and thus resolution of the etiology of leukosis in birds may have beneficial effects on understanding neoplasia in other species: Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the American Association of Avian Pathologists strongly recommends the Secretary of Agriculture increase the allocation of funds for research on avian leukosis complex.

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