

# Proclamation

## Pollinator Week

WHEREAS, in October 2014, the Town of Carrboro became the third municipality in the nation to be recognized as a Bee City USA; and

WHEREAS, as Mayor, I signed the 2024 National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Pledge, and our Town has officially committed to taking meaningful action to protect the monarch butterfly; and

WHEREAS, a goal of these initiatives is to promote healthy, sustainable habitats for bees, monarchs, and other pollinators; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Carrboro recognizes that human health ultimately depends on well-functioning, biodiverse ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, pollination provides significant environmental benefits and plays a vital role for trees and plants, producing much of our food supply, creating recreational and economic development opportunities, and enhancing our quality of life; and

WHEREAS, bees and other pollinators around the globe have experienced dramatic declines due to a combination of habitat loss, use of pesticides, and the spread of pests and diseases, with grave implications for the health of flora and fauna; and

WHEREAS, both the western and eastern North American monarch populations have seen significant declines, with less than one percent of the western monarch population remaining, while the eastern population has fallen by as much as ninety percent; and

WHEREAS, cities and their residents have the opportunity to support bees and other pollinators on both public and private lands; and

WHEREAS, the Town has worked to create pollinator habitats by installing native bee nest boxes, establishing a pollinator garden, and planting pollinator-friendly vegetation to restore a riparian buffer.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Barbara M. Foushee, mayor of the Town of Carrboro, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 17th through June 23rd, 2024, to be Pollinator Week in Carrboro. I encourage all residents to join Planning Department staff for office hours throughout the week, for a pollinator activity at the Farmers' Market on Wednesday, June 12th, 2024, from 3-6 pm, and for a pollinator movie screening on June 23rd, 2024, at 3 pm at the Century Center.

This the 4th day of June, 2024.

  
Barbara M. Foushee

