

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 2025 National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Pledge, committing our Town to take meaningful action to protect the monarch butterfly; and

WHEREAS, the goal of these initiatives is to promote healthy, sustainable habitats for monarchs, bees, 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, cities and their residents can 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 16th through June 22nd, 2025, to be Pollinator Week in Carrboro. I encourage all residents to attend a pollinator activity at the Farmers' Market on Wednesday, June 18th from 3-6 pm, and a pollinator movie screening on Sunday, June 22nd at 3 pm at the Century Center.

This the 3rd day of June, 2025.


Barbara M. Foushee

