



# Proclamation



## POLLINATOR WEEK 2020

**WHEREAS**, in October 2014, Carrboro became the third municipality to be recognized as a *BEE CITY USA*; and

**WHEREAS**, a goal of *BEE CITY USA* is to promote healthy, sustainable habitats for bees and other pollinators; and

**WHEREAS**, pollinator species are essential partners in producing much of our food supply; and

**WHEREAS**, pollinator species provide significant environmental benefits that are necessary for maintaining healthy, diverse urban and suburban ecosystems; and

**WHEREAS**, pollination plays a vital role for the trees and plants of our community, enhancing our quality of life, and creating recreational and economic development opportunities; 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 future health of flora and fauna; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the Town has installed native bee nest boxes at Anderson and Wilson parks; and

**WHEREAS**, a pollinator garden has been created at the intersection of West Main Street and Hillsborough Road and is being maintained by the Environmental Advisory Board and community volunteers; and

**WHEREAS**, a free online screening of the film, “Flight of the Butterflies,” will be held on Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:00 PM, please join us on the Town of Carrboro’s Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/CarrboroTownGov/>) to view it; this documentary explores one of the longest known insect migrations in the world, the 3,000-mile journey of monarch butterflies as they migrate across North America.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Lydia E. Lavelle, Mayor of Carrboro, do hereby proclaim June 22<sup>nd</sup> through June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020 as “Pollinator Week,” and I encourage all Carrboro residents to reflect upon the vital role that pollinators play in sustaining our natural environment and join in the efforts to create pollinator-friendly habitats.

This the 17<sup>th</sup> day of June 2020.



Lydia E. Lavelle, Mayor