



Proclamation



POLLINATOR WEEK

WHEREAS, in October 2014, Carrboro became the third municipality recognized as a *BEE CITY USA*; and, in doing so, agreed to meet the standards required of all *BEE CITY USA* affiliates, including annual celebration of National Pollinator Week or other appropriate occasion through events, proclamations, and promotions that showcase the Town's commitment to being 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 worked to create pollinator habitat by installing native bee nest boxes, establishing a pollinator garden, and planting pollinator-friendly vegetation to restore a riparian buffer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Lydia E. Lavelle, Mayor of Carrboro, do hereby proclaim June 21st through June 27th, 2021 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 15th day of June 2021



Lydia E. Lavelle, Mayor