



Proclamation



POLLINATOR WEEK 2020

WHEREAS, in October 2014, Carrboro became the third municipality to be recognized as a *BEE CITY USA*; there are now 110 “*BEE CITIES*” and counting; 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 21st 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 22nd through June 28th, 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 22nd day of June 2020.



Lydia E. Lavelle, Mayor