



Town of Bladensburg, Maryland RESOLUTION NO. 12-2026

Date Introduced: March 9, 2026

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A Resolution for the Town of Bladensburg declaring April as No Mow April

Whereas, the Town of Bladensburg recognizes the vital role that pollinators play in our local ecosystem, contributing to the health and diversity of our natural environment and

Whereas, excessive mowing of grass and vegetation can disrupt pollinator habitats, diminish biodiversity, and contribute to soil erosion and

Whereas, promoting pollinator-friendly practices aligns with the town's commitment to environmental sustainability and stewardship of natural resources; and

Whereas, residents of Bladensburg have expressed a desire to support pollinators and adopt more environmentally friendly lawn care practices; and

Whereas, current regulations and penalties for exceeding the height of grass in residential areas may discourage residents from allowing their lawns to grow to a length conducive to supporting pollinators;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Town Council of Bladensburg that:

1. The month of April shall be officially declared "No Mow April" in the Town of Bladensburg.
2. During the month of April, residents are encouraged to refrain from mowing their lawns to support pollinator habitats and promote biodiversity.
3. Penalties for exceeding the height of grass in residential areas during the month of April shall be temporarily suspended for residents who notify the Town of their intent to participate.
4. The Town of Bladensburg shall actively promote No Mow April through public announcements, social media campaigns, and community events to raise awareness and encourage participation.

5. Residents are encouraged to utilize resources and information provided by the town to adopt pollinator-friendly lawn care practices beyond the month of April.

6. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be and is hereby adopted this __ Day of March, _____ 2026 and shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Attest:

Michelle Bailey-Hedgepeth
Town Administrator/ Acting Town Clerk

Takisha D. James, Mayor