



**PROCLAMATION
OF THE CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS
PROCLAIMING JUNE 22 – 28, 2026 AS
“Pollinator Week”**

- WHEREAS,** Pollinators are essential to maintaining the unique environmental heritage of the Texas Hill Country, supporting native flora and fauna as well as important agricultural crops that nourish our community; and
- WHEREAS,** Pollinator Week, designated by the U.S. Senate and celebrated internationally, offers an opportunity to raise awareness and promote actions to support pollinators; and
- WHEREAS,** pollinators, including bees, butterflies, birds, bats, and other animals, are vital to our ecosystem, supporting the reproduction of over 85% of the world's flowering plants and contributing to the production of over one-third of the food we consume; and
- WHEREAS,** pollination plays a critical role in the production of healthy fruits, vegetables, nuts, and seeds, contributing to food security as well as to ecological biodiversity and the health of natural and agricultural landscapes; and
- WHEREAS,** pollinator populations are in decline due to habitat loss, pesticide use, invasive species, and climate change, creating a need for action at the local, state, and national levels to protect and restore pollinator habitats; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Dripping Springs recognizes the importance of pollinators and supports initiatives to create and preserve habitats, educate the public, and reduce threats to these critical species; and
- WHEREAS,** this annual celebration during the third full week of June is a reminder that everyone has a role to play in preserving local plant and animal life in our native landscape,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the City of Dripping Springs City Council:

1. That the week of June 22 – June 28, 2026, will be recognized as “Pollinator Week” in the City of Dripping Springs; and
2. The City Council of Dripping Springs invites its citizens to attend the Dripping Springs Farmers Market on Wednesday, June 18 and learn more about pollinators from educational guest speakers.
3. The City Council of Dripping Springs encourages residents to support pollinator species by growing native pollinator-friendly plants to increase the amount of forage available, by avoiding harsh chemicals and pesticides for home landscape maintenance, and by helping friends and neighbors to recognize the vital role pollinators play in the well-being of our environment.

Bill Foulds, Jr., Mayor