



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, pollinator species such as birds, insects, and bats are the first step in plant reproduction and more than 70% of flowering plants are dependent on pollination to create seeds and fruit; and

WHEREAS, pollinator habitats are shrinking or at risk due to environmental pollution and climate change; and

WHEREAS, Colorado has over 900 species of bees that pollinate 80% of the crops in the state along with approximately 250 butterfly species and 11 types of hummingbirds that migrate through; and

WHEREAS, pollinator species provide significant environmental benefits that are necessary for maintaining healthy, biodiverse ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Collins has managed wildlife habitats and public lands for decades and values and encourages the maintenance and creation of pollinator habitat through stewardship practices, education, and resident incentive programs, including the creation of the City of Fort Collins Design Guide; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Emily Francis, Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby proclaim June 17 through 23, 2024, as

NATIONAL POLLINATOR WEEK

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 18th day of June, 2024.

Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

Interim City Clerk