

PROCLAMATION National Pollinator Week 2024 June 17-23, 2024

WHEREAS, pollinator species such as birds, bees, butterflies and other insects are essential partners in producing much of our food supply; and

WHEREAS, pollination plays a vital role in the health of our national forests and grasslands, which provide forage, fish and wildlife, timber, water, mineral resources, and recreational opportunities as well as enhanced economic development opportunities for communities; 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, for years the Town of Hillsborough has managed urban landscapes and public lands that include many municipal parks and greenways, as well as wildlife habitats; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hillsborough provides recommendations to developers and residents regarding landscaping to promote wise conservation stewardship, including the protection of pollinators and maintenance of their habitats in urban and suburban environments; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hillsborough is a proud affiliate of Bee City USA®;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Bell, mayor of the Town of Hillsborough, do hereby proclaim the week of June 17 through 23, 2024 as our municipality's "National Pollinator Week" in the Town of Hillsborough and urge all citizens to recognize this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal of the Town of Hillsborough to be affixed this 10th day of June in the year 2024.

Mark Mayor Town of Hillsborough