

PROCLAMATION

POLLINATOR MONTH

City of Hendersonville, North Carolina

WHEREAS, pollinators such as bees and the Monarch butterfly are essential partners in producing much of our food supply and maintaining a healthy, diverse ecosystem with many species critical to the existence of humankind; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hendersonville is deeply concerned about the decline of the Monarch butterfly population due to the eastern population having fallen by as much as ninety percent due in part to summer breeding habitat loss; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hendersonville and surrounding communities have a critical role to play to help protect, preserve, and save the Monarch butterfly and other pollinators through public and private action and by educating residents about their cultural significance to ensure a sustainable environment; 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, the City of Hendersonville recognizes the importance of creating Monarch, bee, and other pollinator habitats at parks, gardens and other green spaces, that every member of our community can equally enjoy; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hendersonville Core Values and Beliefs states that environmental sustainability is critical to preserving the community for future generations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hendersonville provides recommendations to developers and all residents regarding landscaping to promote wise conservation stewardship, including the protection of pollinators and maintenance of their habitats; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hendersonville is aware that when local governments speak up and take action, our communities notice.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Barbara G. Volk, Mayor of the City of Hendersonville, and an affiliate of Bee City USA®, do urge all citizens to recognize the observance of Pollinator Month and commit to help restore habitat for the Monarch butterfly, bees, and other pollinators within the City of Hendersonville and encourage our residents to do the same.

PROCLAIMED this 1st day of June, 2023.

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Barbara G. Volk, Mayor
City of Hendersonville

Attest:

Jill Murray, City Clerk