

PROCLAMATION

DESIGNATION OF THE MONTH OF MAY AS NO-MOW MAY

WHEREAS, the City of Lathrup Village is keen to develop and implement a program to create or expand pollinator-friendly habitat on public and private land, to galvanize communities to adopt sustainable pollinator-friendly land management practices, and;

WHEREAS, the City of Lathrup Village is in a unique position, to significantly increase pollinator-friendly habitat by encouraging pollinator-friendly lawn-care practices and by incentivizing its citizens to take direct and meaningful action on their own properties, and

WHEREAS, the ideal pollinator-friendly habitat is comprised of mostly naïve wildflowers, grasses, vines, shrubs, and trees blooming in succession throughout the growing season, is free or nearly free of pesticides, is comprised of undisturbed spaces including leaf and brush piles, un-mown fields or field margins, fallen trees and other dead wood for nesting and overwintering; and provides connectivity between habitat areas to support pollinator movement and resilience; and

WHEREAS, the formative period for the establishment of pollinators and other insect species, and the many songbirds and other urban wildlife species which depend upon them, occurs in late spring and early summer when they emerge from dormancy and require flowering plants as crucial foraging habitats; and these opportunities are dramatically reduced with early spring leaf-litter removal and grass-mowing; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Lathrup Village, along with their partnering organizations, jointly recognize **No Mow May** to actively promote and educate the community about the critical period of pollinator emergence, generation of crucial pollinator-supporting habitat and early spring foraging opportunities, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that for the duration of the month of May, the City of Lathrup Village shall suspend the enforcement of Chapter 82, Article IV – Weeds and Noxious Growth and voluntarily delay homeowner lawn-care practices until June, allowing pollinator species to emerge and early flowering grasses and foraging habitat to establish, which may result in ground-cover exceeding established ordinance height restrictions, and that during the month of May The City of Lathrup Village shall not issue citations for excessive weed growth

On this 15th Day of May 2023,

MyKale Garrett, Mayor