

A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF
NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING THE JUNE 22
THROUGH JUNE 28, 2026, AS POLLINATOR WEEK IN
THE CITY OF NORMAN.

- § 1. WHEREAS, pollinators such as bees, butterflies, birds, and other wildlife play a vital role in maintaining healthy ecosystems and supporting agriculture, farming, gardening, and land stewardship practices that benefit both private landowners and the broader community
- § 2. WHEREAS, approximately three-fourths of flowering plants and over one-third of our food crops rely on pollinators to reproduce, making them essential to food security and agricultural productivity; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, monarch butterflies are an iconic bellwether pollinator species whose populations have experienced significant declines, and residents are encouraged to plant native milkweed and nectar plants to provide habitat for the monarch and other pollinators; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, Pollinator habitats face challenges from habitat loss and pesticide exposure, and supporting their health is part of good land and resource stewardship; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, moths are critical yet often-overlooked nighttime pollinators, with thousands of species native to Oklahoma supporting local ecosystems and serving as an important food source for birds and other wildlife; and
- § 6. WHEREAS, the City of Norman participates in the Pathways for Pollinators & People initiative, a community conservation effort that connects people with nature through pollinator habitat and education established in partnership with the Oklahoma Monarch Society and supported by the Kirkpatrick Foundation; and
- § 7. WHEREAS, the City of Norman supports partnerships that promote good stewardship of our natural resources and protect the integrity of our environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA:

- § 8. Do hereby proclaim June 22 through June 28, 2026, as Pollinator Week in the City of Norman and encourage residents to celebrate by joining events such as the two-part composting class or the Moth Night event at Ruby Grant, and to learn more about the vital role of pollinators and how we can support them.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 9th day of June, 2026.

Stephen Tyler Holman, Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

