A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN. OKLAHOMA. PROCLAIMING JUNE 20 THROUGH JUNE 26, 2022, AS POLLINATOR WEEK IN THE CITY OF NORMAN.

- 1. WHEREAS, the City of Norman is home to many native wildlife and pollinator species such as birds, bees, and insects which keep our environment healthy and biodiverse; and
- 2. WHEREAS, the City of Norman recognizes that human health ultimately depends on wellfunctioning ecosystems and that biodiverse regions can better support food production, healthy soil and air quality and can foster healthy connections between humans and wildlife; and
- 3. WHEREAS, the City of Norman is working to build a healthy, sustainable and wildlife-friendly community that brings the many benefits of nature to all corners of our community; and
- 4. WHEREAS, pollinators play an important role in maintaining a healthy ecosystem and in urban communities, pollinators play a crucial role in maintaining sustainable urban agriculture, local community gardens, and residential landscaping; and
- 6. WHEREAS, pollinator species are in decline due to habitat loss and the use of pesticides, causing many species to decline significantly in the past 25 years; and
- 7. WHEREAS, National Pollinator Week is a national initiative that offers opportunities to individuals and communities to help restore native habitat, support local pollinator species; and
- 8. WHEREAS, the City of Norman will continue to support local, state, and national efforts that protect, restore, and conserve habitat for pollinators, as well as foster a greater connection between residents and wildlife.

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

9. Do hereby proclaim June 20 through June 26, 2022, as Pollinator Week in the City of Norman and encourage our residents to make a difference for pollinators in our community by taking part in activities to bring awareness to and protect our invaluable pollinators.

SED AND APPROVED this	_ day of June, 2022.
ATTEST:	Mayor
City Clerk	