

CITY OF SPRING LAKE PARK

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-34

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING “NO MOW MAY” IN SPRING LAKE PARK

WHEREAS, insects, especially bees, serve a significant and critical role as pollinators of plants, including agricultural plants; and

WHEREAS, the ideal pollinator-friendly habitat is one comprised of mostly native wildflowers, grasses, vines, shrubs, and trees blooming in succession throughout the growing season; and

WHEREAS, the formative period for establishment of pollinator and other insect species and the many songbirds and other urban wildlife species that depend upon them occurs in late spring and early summer as they emerge from dormancy and require flowering plants as crucial foraging habitat; and

WHEREAS, “No Mow May” is a community science initiative that encourages property owners to limit lawn mowing practices during the month of May to provide early season foraging resources for pollinators that emerge in the spring, especially in urban landscapes when few floral resources are available; and

WHEREAS, the City of Spring Lake Park would like to encourage interested residents to increase pollinator-friendly habitat by encouraging pollinator-friendly lawn-care practices on their own properties for the month of May during this formative period.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Spring Lake Park City Council proclaims May 1st – 31st, 2024 as “No Mow May” in the city of Spring Lake Park and encourage all residents who wish to participate to refrain from mowing their lawns in the month of May to provide vital early spring flowers for bees that emerge from hibernation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Spring Lake Park City Council directs staff to not issue correction notices for long grass and weed violations for the month of May, permitting all residents to voluntarily delay lawn care until June, while continuing to enforce the Minnesota State Mandate regarding the management of noxious weeds. Enforcement of long grass and weed violations will commence on June 1, 2024.

The foregoing Resolution was moved for adoption by Councilmember.

Upon Vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:

And the following voted against the same:

Whereon the Mayor declared said Resolution duly passed and adopted the 15th day of April, 2024.

CITY OF SPRING LAKE PARK, MINNESOTA

Robert Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Daniel R. Buchholtz, MMC, Administrator