



**Proclamation**  
***Pollinator Week***  
**June 19-25, 2023**

**WHEREAS**, pollinators, such as thousands of species of bees, are essential partners in producing much of our food supply; and

**WHEREAS**, pollinators provide significant environmental benefits that are necessary for maintaining healthy, diverse ecosystems in towns and cities; 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 manages parks, public landscaping, and other public lands that may include greenways and wildlife habitats; and

**WHEREAS**, the City provides recommendations to residents and property owners regarding landscaping to promote wise conservation stewardship, including the protection of pollinators and maintenance of their habitats; and

**WHEREAS**, in August 2017, the City Council adopted a resolution designating Wilsonville a Bee City USA affiliate; and

**WHEREAS**, Bee City USA is a nationwide effort to foster ongoing dialogue in urban areas to raise awareness of pollinators and the role they play in our communities and what each of us can do to provide them with healthy habitat; and

**WHEREAS**, Bee City USA corresponds with many of the existing “Bee Stewards” program initiatives, such as creating pollinator habitat, developing an integrated pest management plan for City properties and facilities, and raising community awareness and participation in pollinator conservation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, the Wilsonville City Council proclaims June 19-25, 2023, as: “POLLINATOR WEEK”**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, We set our hands and cause the seal of the City of Wilsonville to be affixed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

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**Mayor Julie Fitzgerald**