



Proclamation



POLLINATOR WEEK

WHEREAS, in October 2014, Carrboro became the third municipality recognized as a *BEE CITY USA*; and, in doing so, agreed to meet the standards required of all *BEE CITY USA* affiliates, including annual celebration of National Pollinator Week or other appropriate occasion through events, proclamations, and promotions that showcase the Town's commitment to being a *BEE CITY USA*; and

WHEREAS, a goal of *BEE CITY USA* is to promote healthy, sustainable habitats for bees and other pollinators; and

WHEREAS, pollinator species are essential partners in producing much of our food supply; and

WHEREAS, pollinator species provide significant environmental benefits that are necessary for maintaining healthy, diverse urban and suburban ecosystems; 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, bees and other pollinators around the globe have experienced dramatic declines due to a combination of habitat loss, use of pesticides, and the spread of pests and diseases, with grave implications for the future health of flora and fauna; and

WHEREAS, cities and their residents have the opportunity to support bees and other pollinators on both public and private land; and

WHEREAS, the Town has installed two native bee nest boxes at Anderson and Wilson parks; and

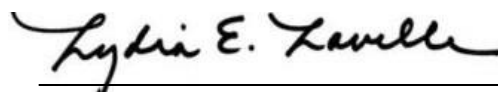
WHEREAS, a pollinator garden has been created at the intersection of West Main Street and Hillsborough Road and is being maintained by the Environmental Advisory Board and community volunteers; and

WHEREAS, a free movie, "Vanishing of the Bees," will be shown at the Century Center on Sunday, June 16th at 3:00 PM; this documentary explores the decline of honeybees worldwide due to Colony Collapse Disorder and its impacts to agricultural crops and food supplies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Lydia E. Lavelle, Mayor of Carrboro, do hereby proclaim June 17th through June 23rd, 2019 as "Pollinator Week," and I encourage all Carrboro residents to reflect upon the vital role that pollinators play in sustaining our natural environment and join in the efforts to create pollinator-friendly habitats.

This the 11th day of June 2019




Lydia E. Lavelle, Mayor