

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the monarch butterfly, the honey bee, and other pollinators, including bats, birds and various beneficial insects, play a vital role in health of Appleton's ecology and natural habitats; and

WHEREAS, accelerated pollinator and insect losses over the past few decades require immediate attention to ensure the safety of these populations and the sustainability of our environmental health and food production systems; and

WHEREAS, the monarch butterfly is an iconic North American species, whose multigenerational migration and metamorphosis from caterpillar to butterfly has captured the imagination of millions of Americans; and

WHEREAS, honey bee, monarch butterfly and numerous other insect populations can be restored through re-establishment of pollinator habitat, removal of environmental stressors, and reduced application of herbicides and pesticides; and

WHEREAS, every resident of Appleton can make a difference for the monarch and the honey bee by planting native milkweed and nectar plants to provide habitat and forage for these and many other pollinators in locations where people live, work, learn and play; and

WHEREAS, the City of Appleton provides recommendations to developers and residents regarding landscaping to promote wise conservation stewardship, including the protection of pollinators and maintenance of their habitats in urban and suburban environments; and

WHEREAS, the United State Senate has designated the third week in June as "National Pollinator Week" in recognition of the valuable role pollinators play in our delicate ecosystem supporting terrestrial wildlife, providing healthy watershed and more; and

WHEREAS, the City of Appleton has been recognized as a Bird City, has expanded beekeeping options for its residents, and is privileged to host first designated Bee Campus in Wisconsin, at Lawrence University;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, TIMOTHY M. HANNA, Mayor of the City of Appleton, do hereby proclaim June 17-23, 2019 as

National Pollinator Week

And, furthermore, do hereby recognize the City of Appleton as an affiliate of,

Bee City USA®

in Appleton, and call upon all residents to join me in celebrating the significance of pollinators with appropriate observances and activities.



Signed and sealed this 14th day of June, 2019.


TIMOTHY M. HANNA
MAYOR OF APPLETON