

# PROCLAMATION



## Office of the Mayor

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

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

**WHEREAS**, bees, butterflies, and numerous other insect populations can be restored through re-establishment of pollinator habitat, removal of environmental stressors, alternative landscape maintenance practices including reduced application of herbicides and pesticides; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Senate has designated the third week in June as National Pollinator Week in recognition of the valuable role pollinators play in our delicate ecosystem; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Appleton is recognized as a Bird City, a Bee City, and a Monarch City, and has expanded beekeeping options for its residents as well as hosting the first designated Bee Campus in Wisconsin at Lawrence University.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, JACOB A. WOODFORD**, Mayor of the City of Appleton, Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim June 19-25, 2023 as

## Pollinator Week

in Appleton as an affiliate of *Bee City USA* and *Monarch City USA* and call upon all residents to join me in celebrating the significance of pollinators with appropriate observances and activities.



Signed and sealed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June 2023.

**JACOB A. WOODFORD**  
MAYOR OF APPLETON