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A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING JUNE 18TH THROUGH JUNE 25TH, 2017 AS "CARRBORO POLLINATOR WEEK"

WHEREAS, Carrboro became the third the *BEE CITY USA* city in October, 2014, and in doing so, agreed to meet the standards required of all *BEE CITY USA* affiliates, including committing to annually celebrate National Pollinator Week or some other appropriate occasion through events, proclamations, and promotions that showcase the Town's commitment to being a *BEE CITY USA* affiliate.

WHEREAS, a goal of *BEE CITY USA* is to promote healthy, sustainable habitats for bees and other pollinators; 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, supporting pollinators fosters environmental awareness and sustainability, and increases interactions among community stewards such as beekeepers, farmers, children, educators, plant nurseries, municipalities, neighborhoods, and others; and

WHEREAS, the economic benefits of (native and honey) bee-friendliness are:

- Increased vegetable and fruit crop yields due to bee pollination.
- Increased habitat for natural enemies of crop pests and therefore reduced need for and costs associated with pesticides.
- Increased demand for pollinator-friendly plant materials from local nurseries and growers.
- Support for beekeepers

WHEREAS, the National Pollinator Garden Network, an unprecedented collaboration of conservation and gardening groups is asking all Americans to plant for pollinators through the Million Pollinator Garden Challenge, and

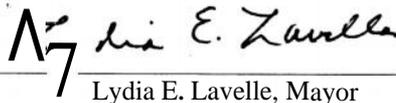
WHEREAS, a pollinator garden has been created at the intersection of West Main Street and Hillsborough Rd., and the Environmental Advisory Board has been helping maintain the garden; and

WHEREAS, a free movie "Hometown Habitat: Stories of Bringing Nature Home" will be shown at the Centuivy Center on June 18th; and

WHEREAS, the "Saving Our Pollinators" exhibit will be displayed at the Carrboro ArtsCenter June 5th - 30th, 2017, with an opening reception on June 9th.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Lydia E. Lavelle, Mayor of Carrboro, North Carolina do hereby proclaim June 18th-June 25th, 2017 as "Carrboro Pollinator Week" and I ask Carrboro residents to join in the efforts to create pollinator friendly habitats and to register their gardens in the Million Pollinator Garden Challenge.

This the 6th day of June 2017


Lydia E. Lavelle, Mayor

