

**A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING JUNE 19TH THROUGH JUNE 26th, 2016 AS  
“CARRBORO POLLINATOR WEEK”**

**WHEREAS**, Carrboro became the third *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 and communities 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:

- Healthy ecosystems. Insect pollinators are required for pollination and reproduction of about 85% of flowering plants globally that: 1) are vital for clean air and water; 2) provide food, fiber and shelter for people and wildlife; and 3) support the very insects that pollinate our crops and form the basis of food webs.
- 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**, a Pollinator Garden has been created at the intersection of West Main Street and Hillsborough Rd., and the Environmental Advisory Board has committed to help maintain the garden; and

**WHEREAS**, Matthew Willey, a mural artist, will be painting a honeybee mural at Fire Station #1 with the support of the Carrboro Tourism Development Authority; and

**WHEREAS**, a free movie “Queen of the Sun” will be shown at the Century Center on June 19<sup>th</sup>.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Lydia E. Lavelle, Mayor of Carrboro, North Carolina do hereby proclaim **June 19<sup>th</sup>-June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016** as “**Carrboro Pollinator Week**” and I ask Carrboro residents to join in the efforts to create pollinator friendly habitats.

This the 14<sup>th</sup> day of June 2016

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Lydia E. Lavelle, Mayor