

**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 19th.

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

This the 14th day of June 2016

Lydia E. Lavelle, Mayor