



City of Winston-Salem

Proclamation

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

WHEREAS: The City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, became the seventy-fifth Bee City USA in 2018; and

WHEREAS: Pollinator species provide significant environmental benefits that are necessary for maintaining healthy, diverse urban and suburban ecosystems; and

WHEREAS: Pollination plays a vital role for the trees and plants in our community, enhancing our quality of life and creating recreational and economic development opportunities; and

WHEREAS: For decades the City of Winston-Salem has managed urban landscapes and public lands that include municipal parks and greenways, as well as wildlife habitats; and

WHEREAS: In honor of National Pollinator Week, the City of Winston-Salem would like to acknowledge the contributions of Forsyth Audubon Society & Bashavia Gardens in establishing the Natural Landscaping Demonstration Garden at the Second Street Park, an effort planned in coordination with the recent Natural Landscaping Ordinance amendment passed by City Council on March 4, 2024; and

WHEREAS: The City of Winston-Salem Sustainability Department is administering the Bee City USA project, and therefore is committed to the continued promotion of sustainable land management for the betterment and protection of our local and native insect populations.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. ALLEN JOINES, Mayor of the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the week of June 16-22, 2024, as

NATIONAL POLLINATOR WEEK

Given under my hand and seal this 17th day of June, 2024.

J. ALLEN JOINES

Mayor