

**A RESOLUTION
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF CHERRY HILLS VILLAGE
RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF PROTECTING AND
SUPPORTING POLLINATORS AND DECLARING THE MONTH OF
JUNE AS POLLINATOR APPRECIATION MONTH IN THE CITY**

WHEREAS, pollinators of all kinds, including native bees, wasps, butterflies, and European honeybees, are a critically important part of our agricultural and food systems, given that their pollination of a significant amount of our food supply is extremely important to food production; and

WHEREAS, many of the trees and plants that beautify our landscapes and form key elements of our ecosystems rely on pollinators to propagate and to contribute to ecological services; and

WHEREAS, the decline in the population of pollinators, including commercial European honeybees, wild bees, butterflies, and birds, as well as invertebrates in soil and water systems, is of serious concern; and

WHEREAS, the loss of habitat and food supply for pollinators through the use of pesticides, development resulting in habitat loss, and other negative environmental impacts are contributing to this decline; and

WHEREAS, based on scientific studies and findings that indicate the inappropriate and unregulated use of pesticides pose unacceptable hazards to pollinators, several United States cities and counties have taken steps to raise awareness of this issue and some have instituted bans on the municipal use of neonicotinoids; and

WHEREAS, a large and growing body of independent, peer-reviewed scientific studies indicate that some of the most widely used classes of insecticides may adversely impact beneficial soil invertebrates and avian and aquatic organisms, contaminate water resources and soils, and translocate throughout all parts of plants, thereby contaminating the pollen and nectar that is gathered by pollinators; and

WHEREAS, residential, agricultural, and commercial use of chemical pesticides on crops, home gardens, public parks, public grounds, and other local and municipal areas poses risks to pollinators and aquatic invertebrates, and their introduction into the environment is often unintentional or inadvertent, since labeling is not required for some treated materials; and

WHEREAS, the use of hazardous and persistent insecticides is not absolutely necessary to create and maintain healthy landscapes, gardens, and open spaces when alternative practices and products may be available; and

WHEREAS, there is increasing concern by the public regarding the use, misuse, and presence of pesticides, and growing community concern and desire to protect and support pollinators to ensure robust food production and natural ecosystems.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHERRY HILLS VILLAGE, COLORADO THAT:

Section 1. The City of Cherry Hills Village ("City") will strive to reduce and minimize all chemical pesticide use on City lands and in City buildings. The City will strive to limit or eliminate neonicotinoid or other systemic insecticides on its City rights-of-way, along watersheds and ditches, on public trees and landscapes or in its buildings, with consideration of both the necessity of treatment and of alternative treatments to achieve the necessary protection of those lands, trees, or landscapes. The City will create a comprehensive pesticide use policy to be implemented by all departments that will specify when the use of pesticides may be considered and will provide guidance on such use.

Section 2. The City will continue to enhance safe and healthy pollinator forage habitat on City lands, including revising mowing policies where possible, to allow wildflowers and other

appropriate flowering species to flourish and feed pollinators. When appropriate and feasible, the City will strive to incorporate and utilize native plants that are beneficial to pollinators on City-owned properties.

Section 3. The City recognizes the importance of pollinators and will support and actively engage in efforts to educate the broader community about pollinators and the actions the City is taking. The City will encourage businesses, schools, neighborhoods, households, and other entities within the City to adopt pollinator policies similar to the City's policies. This includes urging all parties, public and private, to reduce chemical pesticide application, especially systemic treatments such as neonicotinoids, and to create habitat that will support pollinators. City staff will engage the public to share information about the work the City is doing to protect and conserve pollinators in the City.

Section 4. City Council thanks the People and Pollinators Action Network for all its work to elevate awareness and action around pollinator issues.

Section 5. The City Council hereby declares the month of June as Pollinator Appreciation Month in the City of Cherry Hills Village for the purpose of encouraging all residents to recognize and celebrate the important role pollinators play in our environment and to work actively to support and protect pollinators of all kinds in the City.

Section 6. This Resolution shall be effective immediately.

Introduced, passed and adopted at the regular meeting of City Council this 20th day of October, 2020, by a vote of 6 yes and 0 no.

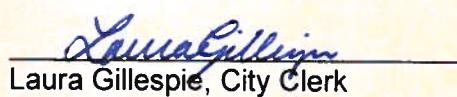
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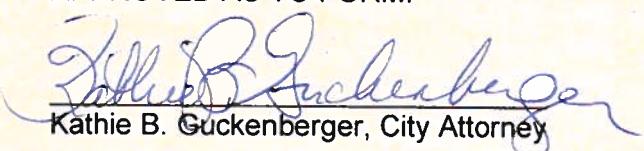
Russell O. Stewart, Mayor

ATTEST:



Laura Gillespie
Laura Gillespie, City Clerk

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Kathie B. Guckenberger
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