



## *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS,** pollinator species such as thousands of species of bees are essential partners in producing much of our food supply; 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 of our community, enhancing our quality of life, and creating recreational and economic development opportunities; and

**WHEREAS,** for decades the City of Gastonia has managed urban landscapes and public lands that include many municipal parks and greenways, as well as wildlife habitats; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Gastonia provides recommendations regarding landscaping to promote wise conservation stewardship, including the protection of pollinators and maintenance of their habitats in urban and suburban environments; and

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Walker E. Reid III, Mayor, and the City Council of the City of Gastonia do hereby proclaim the week of **June 22, 2020** as our municipality's observance of

### **NATIONAL POLLINATOR WEEK**

and, the City of Gastonia as an affiliate of

### **BEE CITY USA®**

urging all citizens to recognize this observance and join Keep Gastonia Beautiful on social media for a virtual "Beetopia" where they will provide educational videos throughout the week to learn about the importance of bees and all things related to pollinators.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Gastonia to be affixed this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty.

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Walker E. Reid III, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sherry H. Dunaway, City Clerk