



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.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Walker E. Reid III, Mayor, and the City Council of the City of Gastonia do hereby proclaim the week of **June 18, 2019** as our municipality's observance of

NATIONAL POLLINATOR WEEK

AND, the City of Gastonia as an affiliate of

BEE CITY USA ®

and urge all citizens to recognize this observance and join us on Saturday, June 22nd at 9:00 AM at the Rotary Pavilion for "Beetopia" for festivities including children's crafts, Beezebo, speakers on plantings and the importance of bees, and meet the founder of Bee City USA, plus 12 exhibits.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Gastonia to be affixed this the 18th day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand and nineteen.

Walker E. Reid III, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sherry H. Dunaway, City Clerk