

City of New Hope

Resolution No. 2018-

Resolution supporting pollinators and pollinator habitat

- WHEREAS, the New Hope City Council, residents, and staff are dedicated to the protection of pollinators and to promoting a healthy natural environment through the reduction and elimination of harmful pesticides; and
- WHEREAS, pollinators including honey bees, native bees, and butterflies are integral to a wide diversity of essential foods including fruits, nuts, and vegetables; and
- WHEREAS, pollinators are facing annual declines in excess of what is considered normal due to habitat loss, pesticide use, pathogens, and parasites; and
- WHEREAS, research shows multiple interacting causes are contributors to the severe decline of pollinator populations, including pathogens, habitat loss, exposure to pesticides, and synergistic effects of herbicides, fungicides, and insecticides; and
- WHEREAS, scientific evidence around neonicotinoid insecticides including clothianidin, thiamethoxam, and imidacloprid is especially compelling and deserves action; and
- WHEREAS, neonicotinoid pesticides that are harmful to pollinators and are harmful to other invertebrates, birds, and aquatic animals; and
- WHEREAS, the City Council finds it is in the public interest to demonstrate its commitment to a safe and healthy community for people as well as pollinators through the implementation of pest management best practices in maintenance of the city parks, open spaces, and city property; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of New Hope, Minnesota:

1. The City shall undertake its best efforts to become a Bee-Safe City by undertaking best management practices in the use of plantings and pesticides in all public places within the city.
2. The City shall refrain from the use of systemic pesticides on New Hope city property, known to be harmful to pollinators, specifically but not limited to those that contain neonicotinoid.
3. The City shall undertake its best efforts to plant flowers favorable to bees and other pollinators in the City's public spaces.
4. The City shall undertake best efforts to communicate to New Hope residents the importance of creating and maintaining pollinator-friendly habitats by adopting the following practices:

- Committing to not use pesticides, including systemic insecticides, on public property;
- Avoid planting flowering plants that are treated with systemic insecticides;
- Planting more pollinator forage on public property and use organic or chemical free lawn and landscaping practices.

Adopted by the City Council of the city of New Hope, Hennepin County, Minnesota, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2018.

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Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk