

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, pollinator species such as native bees, honey bees, and other insects are essential partners in producing much of our food supply; and

WHEREAS, pollinator species provide significant environmental benefits that are necessary for maintaining healthy and diverse ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, backyard beekeepers play a major role in sustaining honey bee populations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Asheville supports pollinator populations through recommendations to developers and residents regarding landscaping to promote conservation stewardship, which includes the protection of pollinators and the maintenance of their habitats in urban and suburban environments; and

WHEREAS, in 2012 the City of Asheville passed a resolution to become a Bee City USA; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terry Bellamy, Mayor of the City of Asheville, do hereby proclaim June 8 - 22, 2013 as

Pollination Celebration Days

in the City of Asheville, and encourage all citizens to recognize this observance in Asheville, the inaugural Bee City, USA.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Asheville, North Carolina, to be affixed this 8th day of June 2013.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'Terry Bellamy', is written over a horizontal line.