

**PROCLAMATION**  
**OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOWIE, MARYLAND**  
**PROCLAIMING JUNE 2021 AS POLLINATOR MONTH**  
**IN THE CITY OF BOWIE**

**WHEREAS**, pollinator species (birds, butterflies, bees, etc.) are essential for pollinating food crops and flowers worldwide, and essential for maintaining overall ecosystem health and prosperity; and

**WHEREAS**, monarch butterfly populations have decreased by 90% in the last twenty years thus prompting the City to take the Mayor’s Monarch Pledge to educate citizens on the plight of pollinators and prompting the Green Team to plant certified monarch waystations at City Hall, the Senior Center, and Belair Meadows to provide habitat for these pollinators; and

**WHEREAS**, the City is cognizant of the need for additional landscapes for pollinators and the need to educate residents on their benefits and of the research that supports the intrinsic benefits of connecting isolated patches of habitat as has been started in the Northeast with the Pollinator Pathways project; and

**WHEREAS**, National Pollinator Week is a national initiative that offers opportunities to individuals and communities to be a part of restoring or creating habitats that support pollinators, an effort which the City wants to expand on to support local, state, and national efforts that protect and restore pollinator habitats, as well as foster a greater and deeper connection between residents and wildlife;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Council of the City of Bowie, Maryland, hereby proclaims the month of June 2021 as Pollinator Month throughout the City.

**INTRODUCED AND PASSED** by the Council of the City of Bowie, Maryland at a Regular Meeting on the Seventh Day of June, 2021.

Attest:

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Timothy J. Adams, Mayor

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Awilda Hernandez, City Clerk