

**TOWN OF NEWTOWN**  
*Office of the First Selectman*

**PROCLAMATION**

*WHEREAS, pollinators are in decline primarily due to land development and fragmentation, flowerless landscapes, and a lawn culture that requires excessive fertilizers and chemicals and that offers no benefit to bees and other wildlife, and*

*WHEREAS, pollinator species such as bees, butterflies, birds and others are vital to maintaining healthy and diverse ecosystems, and*

*WHEREAS, pollinators support native plants in providing food and shelter for other wildlife, preventing erosion, keeping our waterways clean, and proving the air that we breathe, and*

*WHEREAS, pollination by several bee species is responsible for the food we eat, and*

*WHEREAS, five bees species are threatened or of special concern in Connecticut and a downward trend is seen in all bee and butterfly populations, and*

*WHEREAS, the use of pesticides is often excessive and inappropriate, and*

*WHEREAS, Newtown is cognizant of the need for safe and healthy landscapes for its residents and habitat for important pollinators, and*

*WHEREAS, recent scientific research supports the benefit of restoring and reconnecting small isolated patches of habitat;*

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** I, Daniel C. Rosenthal, First Selectman of Newtown, do hereby recognize and lend my support for the Newtown Pollinator Pathway that is sponsored by Protect Our Pollinators with support of the Newtown Conservation Commission, Newtown Forest Association, Newtown Environmental Action Group, The Garden Club of Newtown, Newtown Horticultural Club, Town and Country Garden Club, and the community of Newtown. I encourage Newtown landowners to take cognizance of this initiative and to participate, as means allow, in creating safe yards and properties that can provide nutrient-rich floral resources and habitat for our threatened pollinators.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the Town of Newtown to be affixed this seventh day of April 2019.

  
Daniel C. Rosenthal, First Selectman

