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RESOLUTION POLLINATORS DESIGNATING BURLINGTON AS A POLLINATOR PATHWAY COMMUNITY

WHEREAS pollinators are in decline due to destruction and fragmentation of habitat from development, a lack of native plants due to an increase in invasive species, inappropriate and excessive use of pesticides and a lawn culture that promotes turfgrass monoculture which offers no benefits to pollinators and other wildlife;

WHEREAS pollinator species such as bees, birds, butterflies and other pollinating insects and animals are vital to maintaining healthy and diverse ecosystems;

WHEREAS native plantings that provide high-quality forage for pollinators also provide benefits related to water quality, stormwater management, carbon sequestration, noise and pollution reduction, erosion prevention and soil enhancement;

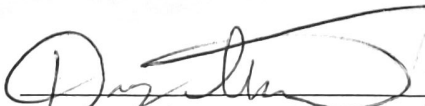
WHEREAS the indiscriminate use of pesticides is detrimental to insects as well as birds, aquatic organisms and animals that prey on them as well as humans, especially children;

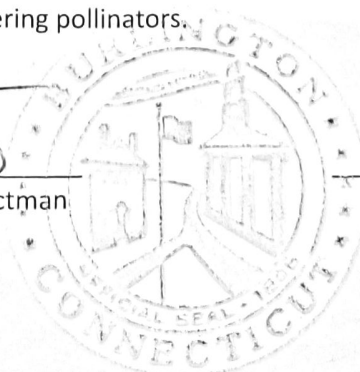
WHEREAS the Town of Burlington can demonstrate its support for pollinators by maintaining pollinator habitat on land managed by the town and by encouraging businesses and residents to plant pollinator-friendly native plants, to limit pesticide use and try to reduce turfgrass expansion;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THE TOWN OF BURLINGTON, CONNECTICUT does hereby recognize and support the tenets of Pollinator Pathway Northeast which are to encourage all government entities, businesses and residents to:

- 1) Reduce lawn size, provide predominantly native and pollinator-supporting plants and assure a sequence of blooms for early spring through fall and to protect and enrich the soil by using organic yard-care practices;
- 2) Protect and enrich the soil by using organic yard-care practices and avoiding the application of synthetic fertilizers, pesticides and treated mulch and leave some areas of bare ground for ground-nesting bees; and,
- 3) Follow best practices for garden cleanup: clean up in the spring, allow plant heads to remain through winter to provide food for wildlife, keep plant stalks standing and leave snags of dead wood for native bees to nest, #leavetheleaves on flower beds through fall and winter to provide habitat, soil nourishment and protection for overwintering pollinators.

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