

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2018 - 12**

### **A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING FRIDLEY AS “POLLINATOR FRIENDLY”**

WHEREAS, the Fridley City Council recognizes that bees and other pollinators are integral to a healthy and resilient ecosystem and a wide diversity of essential foods, including fruits, nuts, and vegetables; and

WHEREAS, pollinator populations are in decline due to habitat loss, land maintenance activities, pesticide use, pathogens and parasites; and

WHEREAS, alternative land management practices to mowed turf grass are available that dramatically increase pollinator forage; and

WHEREAS, native plantings that provide high quality forage for pollinators also provide co-benefits related to water quality treatment, carbon sequestration, and soil stability; and

WHEREAS, application of certain pesticides such as neonicotinoids and systemic herbicides may have unintended consequences against beneficial insects such as bees and other pollinators; and

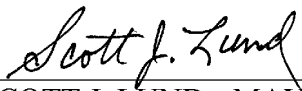
WHEREAS, the City Council finds it is in the public interest and consistent with adopted City policy for the City to demonstrate its commitment to a safe and healthy community environment for people and pollinators.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Fridley:


- The City is hereby declared a Pollinator-Friendly Community.
- The City promotes healthy environments for pollinators including nutritional food sources, clean water and habitat through existing programs and new opportunities.
- The City will pursue planting more pollinator forage in areas of city parks that are currently mowed turf grass.
- The City will design all new and renovated facilities with a consideration of adding natural areas with beneficial pollinator-friendly plants where possible.
- The City shall limit and minimize use of systemic pesticides, with emphasis on avoiding use of pesticides from the neonicotinoid family, on City property to the extent practicable.
- The City shall undertake best efforts to purchase plants that have not been pre-treated with pesticides.

- The City shall undertake best efforts to utilize its pollinator plantings as educational spaces and communicate to City residents, partner organizations, and businesses the importance of creating and maintaining a pollinator-friendly habitat.
- The City shall maintain a list of native and naturalized pollinator-friendly plants for reference by the community and encourage private developers and other landowners to incorporate pollinator-friendly plantings into required landscaping.
- City staff will provide the Environmental Quality and Energy Commission with an annual report on steps taken to create a more Pollinator-Friendly Fridley.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIDLEY THIS 26<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2018.**

  
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SCOTT J. LUND - MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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DEBRA A. SKOGEN - CITY CLERK