

CITY OF NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA  
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2016-052  
DECLARING NORTHFIELD A POLLINATOR FRIENDLY COMMUNITY AND  
ENCOURAGING RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES TO ADOPT POLLINATOR FRIENDLY  
PRACTICES

WHEREAS, the City of Northfield is dedicated to promoting a healthy community and natural environment now and in the future; and,

WHEREAS, pollinators are an integral component of a healthy environment, natural ecosystems, and local food systems, providing essential pollination of plants in order maintain a healthy, aesthetically pleasing, natural environment and to grow a wide diversity of foods; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Northfield already promotes environmental stewardship through its guiding documents including our comprehensive plan, park and trail master plan, and our participation in the GreenStep Cities program; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Northfield recognizes and supports beekeeping as a seasonal agricultural practice, to be regulated in accordance with agricultural guidelines; and,

WHEREAS, pollinator populations are in steep decline due to ongoing loss of habitat as a result of human land use practices and a large-scale expansion of pesticide use by homeowners, landscapers, property managers, and farmers (USDA); and,

WHEREAS, systemic pesticides have been shown to cause illness and death to bees according to recent University of Minnesota research, and,

WHEREAS, local food production is essential to continue to improve the health and food security of Northfield residents, and pollination is an essential component of local food production; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council already found it in the public interest for the City to demonstrate its commitment to pollinator preservation through the use of best management practices such as our organic pest management (OPM) which eliminates the use of harmful pesticides on public property wherever possible in favor of reasonable alternatives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL THAT:

The City of Northfield is hereby declared a Pollinator-Friendly Community. The City celebrates policies and practices that protect and support pollinator health.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Northfield on this 17th day of May, 2016.

Attest:

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City Clerk

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Mayor

VOTE:   \_\_\_ GRAHAM       \_\_\_ DELONG       \_\_\_ LUDESCHER   \_\_\_ NAKASIAN  
         \_\_\_ PETERSON WHITE   \_\_\_ POWNELL       \_\_\_ ZWEIFEL