

**CITY OF NEWPORT**  
**RESOLUTION NO. 3818**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT  
DESIGNATING THE CITY OF NEWPORT AS A  
BEE CITY USA® AFFILIATE**

**WHEREAS**, the mission of BEE CITY USA® is to galvanize communities to sustain pollinators, responsible for the reproduction of 90% of the world's wild plant species, by providing them with healthy habitat, rich in a variety of native plants and free to nearly free of pesticides; and

**WHEREAS**, due in part to the tremendous diversity of wild native bees, along with the honey bees that were brought to the United States from Europe in the 1700s, we have very diverse dietary choices rich in fruits, nuts, vegetables, and even dairy products - one in every three bites of food we eat is courtesy of insect pollination; and

**WHEREAS**, bees and other pollinators have experienced population declines due to a combination of habitat loss, use of pesticides, and the spread of pests and diseases; and

**WHEREAS**, pollinator-friendly communities can benefit local and regional economies through healthier ecosystems, increased vegetable and fruit crop yields, and increased demand for pollinator-friendly plant materials from local nurseries and growers; and

**WHEREAS**, ideal pollinator-friendly habitat:

- Provides diverse and abundant nectar and pollen from plants blooming in succession throughout the growing season; and
- Provides water for drinking, nest-building, cooling, diluting stored honey, and butterfly puddling; and
- Provides undisturbed spaces (leaf and brush piles, un-mowed fields or field
- Is pesticide-free or has pesticide use carried out with least ill effects on pollinators; and
- Is comprised of mostly, if not all, native species of annual and perennial forbs, grasses, vines, shrubs, and trees in landscapes because many wild pollinators prefer or depend on the native plants with which they co-adapted; and
- Includes, where possible, designated pollinator zones in public spaces with signage to educate the public and build awareness; and
- Provides for the safe and humane removal of honeybees where required.

**WHEREAS**, supporting pollinators fosters environmental awareness and sustainability, and increases interactions among community stewards, backyard beekeepers, farmers, children, educators, Master Gardeners, local businesses, faith-based organizations, and nature-related organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to enhance understanding among local government staff and the public about the vital role that pollinators play and what each of us can do to sustain them, the City of Newport chooses to support and encourage pollinator habitat creation and enhancement on both public and private land where appropriate; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Newport supports the tenants of the Bee City USA® program.

## **THE CITY OF NEWPORT RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

### **Section 1.**

The City of Newport Parks and Recreation Department is hereby designated as the BEE CITY USA® sponsor.

The Parks Director of the City of Newport is designated as the Bee City USA® liaison.

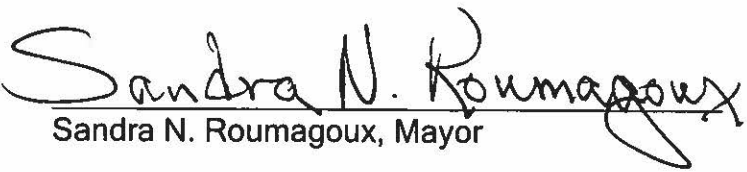
Facilitation of the City of Newport's BEE CITY USA® program is assigned to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee is authorized to, and should:

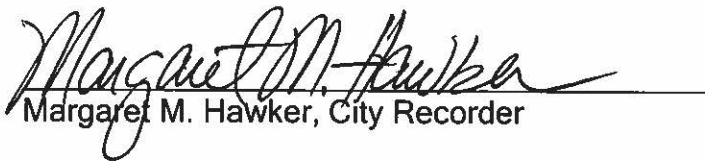
1. **Celebration:** Annually celebrate National Pollinator Week during the third full week of June, or some other appropriate occasion with educational events, pollinator habitat plantings or restoration, proclamations, or promotions that highlight the City of Newport's commitment to enhancing pollinator health and habitat.
2. **Publicity and Information.** Install and maintain at least one authorized BEE CITY USA® street sign in a prominent location, and create and maintain a webpage on the city's website that includes, at minimum, a copy of this resolution, links to the national BEE CITY USA® website, contact information for the city's BEE CITY USA® liaison, contact information for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, and reports of the pollinator-friendly activities the community has accomplished in the previous year.
3. **Habitat.** Develop and implement a program to create or expand pollinator-friendly habitat, which can include:
  - a. Identification and inventory of city property that can be enhanced with pollinator-friendly plantings.
  - b. Creation of a recommended locally native species list to include forbs, grasses, vines, shrubs, and trees, and a list of local suppliers for those species.
  - c. Creation of a least toxic integrated pesticide management plan.
  - d. Dissemination of informational and educational materials to the public.
  - e. Tracking annual area of pollinator habitat created or enhanced by square footage and/or acreage.
4. **Policy.** Establish, through the city, a police in the Parks System Master Plan to acknowledge and commit to the BEE CITY USA® designation.
5. **Plan Review.** Review the Parks System Master Plan and other relevant documents to review pesticide management policies and practices as they relate to pollinator conservation, identify appropriate locations for pollinator-friendly plantings, and consider other appropriate measures.
6. **Renewal.** After completing the first year as a BEE CITY USA® affiliate, each January, apply for renewal of the City of Newport's BEE CITY USA® designation.

**Section 2.** This resolution will be effective immediately on adoption.

Adopted by the Newport City Council on July 16, 2018.

  
Sandra N. Roumagoux, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Margaret M. Hawker, City Recorder