



## **A PROCLAMATION FOR BEE CITY USA POLLINATOR WEEK**

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**WHEREAS**, pollinators such as thousands of species of bees are essential partners in producing much of our food supply; and

**WHEREAS**, pollinators provide significant environmental benefits that are necessary for maintaining healthy, diverse ecosystems in towns and cities; and

**WHEREAS**, pollination plays a vital role for the trees and plants of our community, enhancing our quality of life, and creating recreational and economic development opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Ashland manages parks, public landscaping, and other public lands that may include greenways and wildlife habitats; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Ashland provides recommendations to developers and residents regarding landscaping to promote wise conservation stewardship, including the protection of pollinators and maintenance of their habitats; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Tonya Graham, Mayor of the City of Ashland, do hereby proclaim the week of June 19-25, 2023, as our municipality's observance of

### **National Pollinator Week**

and, as Ashland is an affiliate of

**Bee City USA®**

do urge all citizens to recognize this observance.



**In Ashland we are Better Together.**

*Dated this 6th day of June 2023*

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**Tonya Graham, Mayor**



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**Melissa Huhtala, City Recorder**