

**MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION  
DECLARING JUNE 2024 AS  
POLLINATOR MONTH  
IN THE CITY OF PFLUGERVILLE**

**WHEREAS**, pollinators such as bees, butterflies, birds, bats, and others play a vital role in the reproduction of over 85% of the world's flowering plants and more than two-thirds of the world's crop species; and

**WHEREAS**, these pollinators contribute significantly to the biodiversity and resilience of Texas's ecosystems, and are important to our state's natural beauty, agriculture, economy, and environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Pflugerville is home to a diverse array of pollinators, including the state insect, the Monarch butterfly, which relies on Pflugerville as a critical habitat during its migration; and

**WHEREAS**, pollinator populations of all types are declining globally, including in Texas, due to a variety of factors such as habitat loss, pesticide exposure, climate change, and disease, which threatens our agricultural output and the health of our natural ecosystems; and

**WHEREAS**, the protection and promotion of pollinator health require the concerted efforts of Texas cities, farmers, gardeners, educators, policymakers, and citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Pflugerville and the Parks and Recreation Department are dedicated to public awareness and education about the importance of pollinators that can lead to positive actions that support and protect these essential creatures through organizations and actions such as creation of the Parks Commission Pollinator Subcommittee, achieving the Leadership Circle of the Mayors Monarch Pledge, being awarded the Growth Award from Tree City USA, and pursuing Bee City USA designation;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Victor Gonzales, do hereby declare June 2024, as **POLLINATOR MONTH** in the City of Pflugerville, and encourage all residents to participate in our pollinator themed June Agents of Discovery, to plant Texas native plants on their property, to be mindful of pesticide use, and walk along the many trails and enjoy the natural beauty and the unique environment of Pflugerville.

**IN OFFICIAL RECOGNITION WHEREOF**, I hereby affix my signature this 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

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Victor Gonzales, Mayor

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Trista Evans, City Secretary