**City/Town/County of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**PROCLAMATION**

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

WHEREAS, pollinator species provide significant environmental benefits that are necessary for maintaining healthy, diverse urban and suburban ecosystems; 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, for decades the City/Town/County of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_has managed urban landscapes and public lands that include many municipal parks and greenways, as well as wildlife habitats; and

WHEREAS, the City/Town/County of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ provides recommendations to developers and residents regarding landscaping to promote wise conservation stewardship, including the protection of pollinators and maintenance of their habitats in urban and suburban environments; and

         NOW, THEREFORE, I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Mayor/Chair of the City/Town/County of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, do hereby proclaim the day/week of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ [month, day(s), year]as our municipality’s/county’s observance of

**National Pollinator Week**

And, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ [City/Town/County] as an affiliate of

**Bee City USA®**

and urge all citizens to recognize this observance.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ [City/Town/County, State], to be affixed this \_\_ \_\_day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ [month], \_\_\_\_\_[year].

NOTE: Please send a copy of your proclamation to Bee City USA at beecityusa@gmail.com

This proclamation was inspired by the sample proclamation provided by the Pollinator Partnership for National Pollinator Week at http://pollinator.org/npw\_action.htm.