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

**PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, thanks to the more than 3,600 species of native bees in the United States, along with introduced honey bees, we have very diverse dietary choices rich in fruits, nuts, and vegetables; and

WHEREAS, bees and other pollinators have experienced population declines due to a combination of habitat loss, poor nutrition, pesticides, parasites, diseases, and climate change; 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/Town/County] of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_manages parks, public landscaping, and other public lands that may include greenways and 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; 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, as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ [City/Town/County] is an affiliate of Bee City USA®, do 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 XX day of [month], 202X.

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