

**CITY OF MENDOTA HEIGHTS
DAKOTA COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

RESOLUTION 2016-01

**RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CITY OF MENDOTA HEIGHTS
TO BE A POLLINATOR-FRIENDLY COMMUNITY**

WHEREAS, bees and other pollinators are a necessary component of a healthy ecosystem and food system, providing pollination of plants in order to grow vegetables, herbs and fruits; and

WHEREAS, pollinator populations are in sharp decline due to an ongoing loss of habitat as a result of human land practices, which is coupled with a simultaneous large-scale expansion of insecticide use by homeowners, landscapers, property managers and farmers; and

WHEREAS, neonicotinoid and other systemic insecticides have been shown to cause illness and death to bees and pollinators; and

WHEREAS, alternative land management practices are available that dramatically increase pollinator forage while decreasing maintenance costs; and

WHEREAS, the monetary and social cost of maintaining pollinator-friendly landscapes can be less expensive than costs associated with maintaining chemically-treated monocrop landscapes; and

WHEREAS, many Mendota Heights residents and businesses are pledging to manage their land in a pollinator-friendly way; and

WHEREAS, acting in a pollinator friendly manner is not expected to inhibit any potential treatments for Emerald Ash Borer infestation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Mendota Heights, Minnesota, that the City of Mendota Heights is hereby declared a Pollinator-Friendly Community, and that the City celebrates current policies and practices that protect and support pollinator health by minimizing the use of insecticides.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Mendota Heights urges all Mendota Heights property owners, residents, businesses, institutions and neighborhoods to become more pollinator-friendly by adopting practices including:

- Committing to avoiding the use of insecticides, including systemic insecticides, on their property;
- Avoiding the planting of flowering plants which are treated with systemic insecticides;
- Planting more pollinator-supporting forage on their property, and adopting organic or chemical-free lawn and landscaping practices.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Mendota Heights this 5th day of January, 2016.

ATTEST:


Lorri Smith, City Clerk


Sandra Krebsbach, Mayor