

**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