

## City of Takoma Park, Maryland Mayoral Proclamation

POLLINATOR WEEK – JUNE 19-25, 2023

- WHEREAS, pollinator species such as birds, bats, and insects are essential partners of farmers and ranchers in producing much of our food supply; and
- WHEREAS, pollination plays a vital role in the health of our national forests and grasslands, which provide forage, fish and wildlife, timber, water, mineral resources, and recreational opportunities as well as enhanced economic development opportunities for communities; and
- WHEREAS, pollinator species provide significant environmental benefits that are necessary for maintaining healthy, biodiverse ecosystems; and
- WHEREAS, pollinator populations are declining due to pesticide use, spread of invasive species, habitat loss, and climate change.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TALISHA SEARCY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND, proclaim June 19-25, 2023 as Pollinator Week in Takoma Park and urge residents and others to learn about and protect pollinators in our environment.

Dated this 21st day of June, 2023.

Talisha Searcy Mayor