

## RECOGNIZING NATIONAL POLLINATOR WEEK, JUNE 17-23, 2024

- WHEREAS, pollinator species including birds and insects are significant components of Takoma Park's natural heritage resources, providing an essential and irreplaceable pollination process to maintain healthy, bio diverse and resilient natural habitats and communities; and
- WHEREAS, pollinator species such as birds and insects are essential partners of farmers and ranchers in producing much of our food supply; and
- **WHEREAS**, pollinator species provide significant environmental benefits that are necessary for maintaining healthy, biodiverse ecosystems; and
- **WHEREAS**, the City of Takoma Park has managed wildlife habitats and public properties such as parks, open spaces, and cultivated plantings to promote the protection of pollinators for decades; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Takoma Park is in the process of developing the Stuart Armstrong Pollinator Arboretum specifically to promote pollinator habitat and education.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TALISHA SEARCY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, do hereby proclaim the week of June 17-23, 2024 as Pollinator Week in the City of Takoma Park.

Proclaimed this 12 <sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.	
	Talisha Searcy
	Mayor