

RESOLUTION NO. 5472-19

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING TUALATIN, OREGON AS A BEE CITY USA® AFFILIATE

WHEREAS, the mission of BEE CITY USA® is to galvanize communities to sustain pollinators, responsible for the reproduction of almost 90% of the world's flowering plant species, by providing them with healthy habitat, rich in a variety of native plants and free to nearly free of pesticides; and

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 (including insecticides, fungicides, and herbicides), parasites, diseases, and climate change; and

WHEREAS, pollinator-friendly communities can benefit local and regional economies through healthier ecosystems, increased vegetable and fruit crop yields, and increased demand for pollinator-friendly plant materials from local growers; and

WHEREAS, ideal pollinator-friendly habitat:

- Provides diverse and abundant nectar and pollen from plants blooming in succession throughout the growing season;
- Provides undisturbed spaces (leaf and brush piles, unmown fields or field margins, fallen trees and other dead wood) for nesting and overwintering for wild pollinators;
- Provides water for drinking, nest-building, and butterfly puddling;
- Is free to nearly free of pesticides, as many pesticides can harm pollinators and/or their habitat;
- Is comprised of mostly native wildflowers, grasses, vines, shrubs, and trees, since many wild pollinators prefer or depend on the native plants with which they co-adapted;
- Provides connectivity between habitat areas to support pollinator movement and resilience; and

WHEREAS, Integrated Pest Management (IPM) is a long-term approach to maintaining healthy landscapes and facilities that minimizes risks to people and the environment by: identifying and removing the causes of pest problems rather than only attacking the symptoms (the pests); employing pests' natural enemies along with cultural, mechanical, and physical controls when prevention is not enough; and using pesticides only when no other method is feasible or effective; and

WHEREAS, supporting pollinators fosters broad-based community engagement in environmental awareness and sustainability; and

WHEREAS, Tualatin should be certified a BEE CITY USA® community because:

- Tualatin has demonstrated a commitment to pollinator species by establishing native pollinator gardens throughout the parks system. Hundreds of volunteer hours have gone into the planting and maintenance of these gardens.
- The Tualatin community will continue to develop and grow pollinator gardens in parks and public spaces throughout the City.
- City of Tualatin staff have committed to develop and formalize the practices, procedures, policies and products that are utilized across multiple departments, and consistent with and precedent for an IPM Plan.
- A Bee City designation is an important tool to help educate and inform our citizens of the value of creating similar pollinator habitat and reducing the use of harmful pesticides around their own yards.

WHEREAS, in order to enhance understanding among local government staff and the public about the vital role that pollinators play and what each of us can do to sustain them, the City Tualatin resolves to support and encourage healthy pollinator habitat creation and enhancement as a BEE CITY USA® Affiliate.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUALATIN, OREGON, that:

Section 1. The City of Tualatin is hereby designated as a BEE CITY USA® Affiliate.

Section 2. The Director of Parks and Recreation is designated as the BEE CITY USA® Liaison.

Section 3. Facilitation of the Tualatin BEE CITY USA® program is assigned to the Tualatin Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee.

Section 4. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee is authorized to and shall:

A. Celebration: Host at least one educational event or pollinator habitat planting or restoration each year to showcase Tualatin's commitment to raising awareness of pollinator conservation and expanding pollinator health and habitat.

B. Publicity & Information: Install and maintain at least one authorized BEE CITY USA® street sign in a prominent location, and create and maintain a webpage on the City of Tualatin website which includes, at minimum:

- a copy of this resolution and links to the national BEE CITY USA® website;
- contact information for your BEE CITY USA® Liaison and Committee;
- reports of the pollinator-friendly activities the community has accomplished; and

- a recommended native plant species list and the City's pesticide practices and policies.

- C. Habitat:** Continue to implement a program to create or expand pollinator-friendly habitat, which includes, but is not limited to, the following actions:
- Identify and inventory Tualatin's property that can be enhanced with pollinator-friendly plantings.
 - Create a recommended locally native plant list to include wildflowers, grasses, vines, shrubs, and trees.
 - Track (by number of plants annually) the quantity of pollinator habitat created or enhanced.
- D. Pollinator-Friendly Pest Management:** Create and implement policies, practices, procedures and products of an integrated pest management (IPM) plan that are designed to prevent pest problems, reduce pesticide use, and expand the use of non-chemical pest management methods.
- E. Policy:** Establish, through a policy in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, a plan of the Tualatin Comprehensive Plan to acknowledge and commit to being a BEE CITY USA® affiliate.
- F. Plan Review:** Review the Parks and Recreation Master Plan and other relevant documents to consider improvements to pest management policies and practices as they relate to pollinator conservation, identify appropriate locations for pollinator-friendly plantings, and consider other appropriate measures.
- G. Renewal:** After completing the first calendar year as a BEE CITY USA® affiliate, each February, apply for renewal of Tualatin's BEE CITY USA® designation following the format provided by BEE CITY USA®, including a report of the previous year's BEE CITY USA® activities, and paying the renewal fee based on Tualatin's population.

Section 5. This resolution is effective upon adoption.

Adopted by the City Council this 14th day of October, 2019.

CITY OF TUALATIN, OREGON

BY Nancy Armes
Mayor ProTEM

APPROVED AS TO FORM

BY

S. B. S.
City Attorney

ATTEST:

BY

G. Smith
City Recorder