

PROCLAMATION

IN CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL POLLINATOR WEEK

WHEREAS, bees and other pollinators such as butterflies are threatened because of habitat loss, pesticides, and diseases, constituting a threat that affects the viability of native plant communities and our very food systems; and

WHEREAS, on the 18th of May, 2015, Seattle became certified as the nation's eighth and largest Bee City by the Bee City USA organization; and

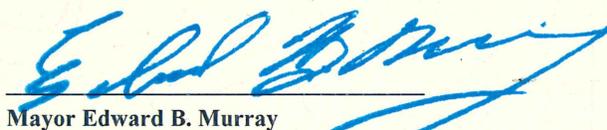
WHEREAS, Seattle's commitment to being a Bee City includes promoting the City's commitment to enhancing pollinator health and habitats rich in native plant species; and

WHEREAS, endorsers of Seattle's Bee City program are comprised of tens of thousands of constituents and include Alleycat Acres, Beacon Hill Garden Club, Beacon Food Forest, Beesearch, Big Dipper Wax Works, Central Co-op, CoolMom, City Fruit, Freeway Estates Community Orchard, Keep High Point Green, Puget Sound Beekeepers Association, Seattle Bee Works, Seattle Tilth, Slow Food Seattle, Solid Ground/Lettuce Link, Stone Soup Gardens, and West Seattle Bee Garden; and

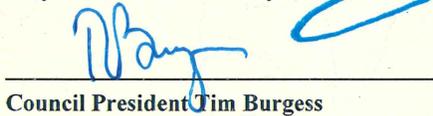
WHEREAS, National Pollinator Week is recognized as June 15th through the 21st, 2015; and;

WHEREAS, local organizations, including those mentioned above, have planned numerous relevant activities for that week, including classes, work parties, Citizen Science projects, habitat restoration, and arts events;

Now, therefore, The Seattle City Council and the Mayor of Seattle *proclaim*
June 15th through 21st, 2015, a Celebration of National Pollinator Week
Urging Residents to Recognize the Observance by Working to Protect Pollinators



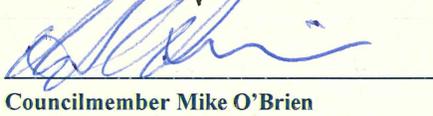
Mayor Edward B. Murray



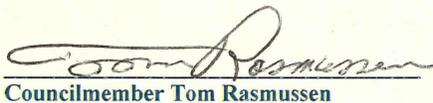
Council President Tim Burgess



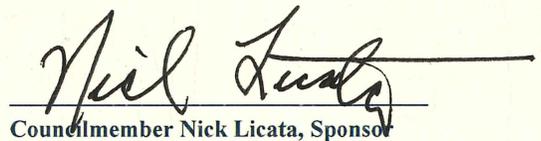
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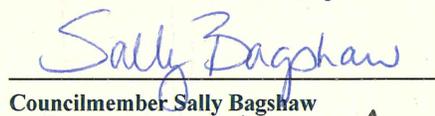
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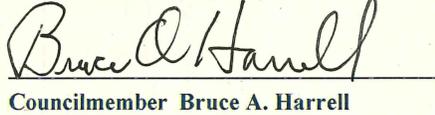
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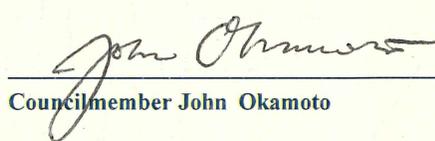
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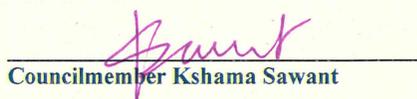
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