



Proclamation

Mayor Shaundel

City of La Crosse

- WHEREAS,** La Crosse, Wisconsin is home to many native wildlife and pollinator species such as birds, bees, and insects which keep our environment healthy and biodiverse; and
- WHEREAS,** The City of La Crosse recognizes that human health ultimately depends on well-functioning ecosystems and that biodiverse regions can better support food production, healthy soil and air quality and can foster healthy connections between humans and wildlife ; and
- WHEREAS,** The City of La Crosse is working to build a healthy, sustainable and wildlife-friendly community that brings the many benefits of nature to all corners of our community through initiatives like Beautify La Crosse, Grow Green, Leaf It, Salt Smart and Soak It Up; and
- WHEREAS,** Pollinators play an important role in maintaining a healthy ecosystem. Local plant species, wildlife, and urban agriculture all depend on pollination from bees, butterflies, and other insects; and
- WHEREAS,** In urban communities, pollinators play a crucial role in maintaining sustainable urban agriculture and local community gardens; and
- WHEREAS,** Pollinator species are in decline due to habitat loss and pollution, causing species like the monarch butterfly to decline significantly in the past 25 years; and
- WHEREAS,** National Pollinator Week is a national initiative that offers opportunities to individuals and communities to help restore native habitat, support local pollinator species; and
- WHEREAS,** The City of La Crosse will continue to support local, state and national efforts that protect, restore, and conserve habitat for pollinators, as well as foster a greater connection between residents and wildlife; and



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NOW, THEREFORE, I, SHAUNDEL WASHINGTON-SPIVEY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LA CROSSE, I do hereby proclaim June 16 through June 22 as

“NATIONAL POLLINATOR WEEK”

in The City of La Crosse and encourage all residents to participate in community activities that support and celebrate pollinator protection.



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