

**PROCLAMATION  
CITY OF CHAMPLIN**

**Proclaiming Champlin as a “*Bee-Safe City*”**

**WHEREAS**, bees and other pollinators are essential to the success of growing a large variety and quantity of our food, including many fruits, vegetables, and nuts; and

**WHEREAS**, bees and other pollinators are currently facing a grave situation because of habitat loss, pesticides, pathogens, and parasites; and

**WHEREAS**, pesticides, especially systemic pesticides, cannot be avoided by pollinators and pesticides have contributed to the decline of pollinators; and

**WHEREAS**, public and private property may easily provide pollinator and bee-friendly habitat; and

**WHEREAS**, pollinator and bee-friendly habitat includes plants blooming in succession that offer abundant nectar and pollen; and

**WHEREAS**, pollinator and bee-friendly habitat includes both native species and garden species of annual and perennial flowers, shrubs and trees; and


**WHEREAS**, pollinator and bee-friendly habitat may include designated zones in public spaces with signage that builds awareness of pollinator and bee-friendly habitat; and

**WHEREAS**, it is essential that the Champlin community understand the vital role that bees and all pollinators play and what each of us can do to sustain them; then

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it proclaimed that the City of Champlin, Minnesota resolves to encourage City staff and residents to implement *Bee-Safe City* practices when practical, including:

1. Designating pollinator and bee friendly habitat property as “Bee-Safe Areas.”
2. Planting pesticide-free plants and seeds.
3. Refraining from using pesticides that harm bees and other pollinators.
4. Assisting in providing the public information about the benefits and needs of bees and all pollinators, including their essential contribution to our food supply.

Signed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June 2015

  
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ArMand Nelson  
Mayor of Champlin