

**WHEREAS**, pollinator species such as honey bees, butterflies, birds, bats, beetles, and moths are essential to the global production of food, on farms and in nature, they are vital to keeping people healthy through a broad selection of fruits, nuts, and vegetables in our diets; and

**WHEREAS**, each person can make an impact to support pollinators by through vibrant, sustainable plants throughout the year, and by placing and maintaining nectar feeders clean to attract a variety of pollinators such as hummingbirds and bees, which provide year-round sources for pollen and nectar that are essential for a healthy pollinator population; and

**WHEREAS**, healthy pollinator populations are critical to the continued economic well-being for the state of California through 1.3 million acres of farmland, \$38 billion in revenue, 2.5% of California's gross domestic product in 2021, reinforcing that California's agriculture, farmers and farmworkers feed the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the severe decline in the bee population is estimated to be 30% of colonies lost since 2006, warrants a call to action for people in Palm Desert, to take personal measures to support pollinators, committing to sustainability, a healthy environment; and

**WHEREAS**, vibrant gardens attract pollinators and using natural alternatives to harmful, commercial insecticides, by planting flowers such as marigolds, lavender, geranium, and lemongrass, as well planting herbs such as peppermint, rosemary, and thyme, ensuring a safe supply of pollen and nectar for pollinators while reducing the presence of bothersome insects; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Palm Desert continues to build upon previous projects, such as the pollinator garden in the Civic Center Park, the colorful murals on San Pablo Avenue and at the UC, Riverside, Palm Desert Campus, and many future projects in the decades ahead that solidify our commitment to pollinators, sustainability, and responsible stewardship of our natural resources;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Karina I. Quintanilla, Mayor** of the City of Palm Desert, California, along with the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim the week of June 19 through June 25, 2023, as

## **City of Palm Desert Pollinator Week**

in recognition of the vital significance of protecting pollinator health, and I call upon the residents of Palm Desert to join me in celebrating the significance of pollinators with appropriate observances and activities.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Official Seal of the City of Palm Desert, California, to be affixed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May 2024.