



PROCLAMATION
CITY OF ANDOVER

Proclaiming Andover 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 or bees 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

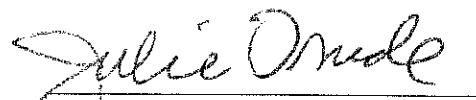
WHEREAS, pollinator and bee-friendly habitat may include designated zones in public spaces with signage that builds awareness of pollinator and bee-friendly habitat; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that the Andover 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 Andover, Minnesota resolves to encourage City staff and residents to attempt 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.
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 contributing role to our food supply.

Signed this 7th day of April, 2015.


Julie Trude
Mayor of Andover