

Town of Trumbull Native Pollinator Pathway Proclamation

WHEREAS, native bees and other pollinators are a crucial component of a healthy ecosystem and a vital link in our food system, providing the pollination responsible for over three quarters of the world's plant species and for one out of every three bites of food that we eat; and

WHEREAS, native pollinator populations are in sharp decline and research has shown that many pesticides, including fungicides and herbicides, can pose risks to already-compromised bees and other pollinators; and

WHEREAS, native pollinators both depend on and support the native plants which provide food and shelter for all wildlife, help prevent erosion, keep our waterways clean, and improve the air that we breathe; and

WHEREAS, native bees and monarch populations can be restored through reestablishment of habitat, removal of environmental stresses, and reduced application of herbicides and pesticides; and

WHEREAS, every resident of Trumbull can make a difference by planting native milkweed and nectar plants to provide habitat and forage for the monarch and pollinators in locations where people live, work, learn, play and worship.

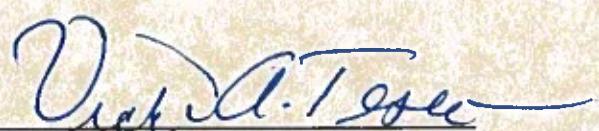
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Town Council resolution that the Town of Trumbull is hereby declared a Native Pollinator-Friendly Community and encourages and supports pollinator health and urges community members to adopt native pollinator-friendly practices including:

- Planting more native pollinator-supporting foliage, emphasizing native plant species.
- When practicable and possible, avoid the use of pesticides and herbicides and adopt organic or chemical-free lawn and landscaping practices.
- Rethink lawns by using organic products, allow grass to grow longer for a healthier lawn and less watering, and leave grass clippings to promote soil health.

NOW THEREFORE, I VICKI A. TESORO, FIRST SELECTMAN OF THE TOWN OF TRUMBULL am honored to ask you to join me as I call upon the Trumbull community in planting natives and celebrating the significance of pollinators as we continue to recognize Trumbull as a town on the **Pollinator Pathway** on this day, August 15th, 2023.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the Town of Trumbull, Connecticut to be affixed on this 15th day of August, 2023.




Vicki A. Tesoro
Trumbull First Selectman