

## RESOLUTION NO. 2022 – 17

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MOSCOW, IDAHO, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, DESIGNATING THE CITY OF MOSCOW AS A BEE CITY USA® AFFILIATE INCLUDED HERewith AND INCORPORATED HEREIN BY THIS REFERENCE; PROVIDING THIS RESOLUTION TO BE EFFECTIVE UPON ITS PASSAGE AND APPROVAL.

**WHEREAS**, the mission of BEE CITY USA is to galvanize communities to sustain pollinators responsible for the reproduction of almost 90% of the world's flowering plant species, by providing them with healthy habitat, rich in a variety of native plants and free to nearly free of pesticides; and

**WHEREAS**, thanks to the more than 3,600 species of native bees in the United States, along with introduced honey bees, we have diverse dietary choices rich in fruits, nuts, and vegetables; and

**WHEREAS**, bees and other pollinators have experienced population declines due to a combination of habitat loss, poor nutrition, pesticides (including insecticides, fungicides, and herbicides), parasites, diseases, and climate change; and

**WHEREAS**, pollinator-friendly communities can benefit local and regional economies through healthier ecosystems, increased vegetable and fruit crop yields, and increased demand for pollinator-friendly plant materials from local growers; and

**WHEREAS**, ideal pollinator-friendly habitat (A) is comprised of mostly native wildflowers, grasses, vines, shrubs, and trees blooming in succession throughout the growing season to provide diverse and abundant nectar and pollen, since many wild pollinators prefer or depend on the native plants with which they co-adapted; (B) is free to nearly free of pesticides, as many pesticides can harm pollinators and/or their habitat; (C) comprises of undisturbed spaces (leaf and brush piles, unmown fields or field margins, fallen trees and other dead wood) for nesting and overwintering; and (D) provides connectivity between habitat areas to support pollinator movement and resilience; and

**WHEREAS**, Integrated Pest Management (IPM) is a long-term approach to maintaining healthy landscapes and facilities that minimizes risks to people and the environment by: identifying and removing the causes of pest problems rather than only attacking the symptoms (the pests); employing pests' natural enemies along with cultural, mechanical, and physical controls when prevention is not enough; and using pesticides only when no other method is feasible or effective; and

**WHEREAS**, supporting pollinators fosters broad-based community engagement in environmental awareness and sustainability; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council believes it is in the best interest of the City to support the City of Moscow becoming certified as a BEE CITY USA community because of our commitment to pollinators. Pollinators are keystone species in essentially every terrestrial ecosystem on earth, assisting in plant reproduction. Pollinators touch our lives in numerous ways each day, including being responsible for approximately one third of the food and drink we consume;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Moscow, in order to enhance understanding among local government staff and the public about the vital role that pollinators play and what each of us can do to sustain them, the City of Moscow chooses to support and encourage healthy pollinator habitat creation and enhancement, resolving as follows:

1. The City of Moscow Parks and Recreation Department is hereby designated as the BEE CITY USA sponsor.
2. The Parks and Facilities Manager of Parks and Recreation Department is designated as the BEE CITY USA Liaison.
3. Facilitation of City of Moscow's BEE CITY USA program is assigned to the Bee City USA Sub Committee of the Parks and Recreation Commission.
4. The Bee City USA Sub Committee is authorized to and shall:
  - a. **Celebration:** Host at least one educational event or pollinator habitat planting or restoration each year to showcase City of Moscow's commitment to raising awareness of pollinator conservation and expanding pollinator health and habitat.
  - b. **Publicity & Information:** Install and maintain at least one authorized BEE CITY USA street sign in a prominent location, and create and maintain a webpage on the City of Moscow website which includes, at minimum a copy of this resolution and links to the national BEE CITY USA website; contact information for the BEE CITY USA Liaison and Committee; reports of the pollinator-friendly activities the community has accomplished the previous year(s); and the recommended native plant species list and integrated pest management plan as described in 4.e. below.
  - c. **Habitat:** Develop and implement a program to create or expand pollinator-friendly habitat on public and private land, which includes, but is not limited to, identifying and inventorying City of Moscow's real property that can be enhanced with pollinator-friendly plantings; creating a recommended locally native plant list to include wildflowers, grasses, vines, shrubs, and trees and a list of local suppliers for those species; and tracking annual area of pollinator habitat created or enhanced.
  - d. **Pollinator-Friendly Pest Management:** Create and adopt an integrated pest management (IPM) plan designed to prevent pest problems, reduce pesticide use, and expand the use of non-chemical pest management methods.
  - e. **Policy & Plans:** Establish, through the City of Moscow, a policy in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan to acknowledge and commit to the BEE CITY USA designation and review the Parks and Recreation Master Plan and other relevant documents to consider improvements to pest management policies and


practices as they relate to pollinator conservation, identify appropriate locations for pollinator-friendly plantings, and consider other appropriate measures.

- f. **Renewal:** After completing the first calendar year as a BEE CITY USA affiliate, each February, apply for renewal of City of Moscow’s BEE CITY USA designation following the format provided by BEE CITY USA, including a report of the previous year’s BEE CITY USA activities, and paying the renewal fee based on the City of Moscow’s population.


**PASSED** on Motion by the Following Vote:

	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Hailey Lewis	X			
Gina Taruscio	X			
Sandra Kelly	X			
Maureen Laflin	X			
Anne Zabala	X			
Julia Parker	X			

**ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Moscow, Idaho and **APPROVED** by the Mayor of the City of Moscow, Idaho, this 27th day of June, 2022.

  
 Art Bettge, Mayor

**CERTIFICATION and ATTESTATION.** I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a Resolution passed at a regular meeting of the City Council, City of Moscow, held on June 27, 2022 and attest to the Mayor’s signature.

  
 Laurie M. Hopkins, City Clerk

