



# Proclamation

## *City of Owatonna*

- WHEREAS: Pollinator species such as birds and insects are essential partners for farmers and gardeners in producing much of our food supply; and
- WHEREAS: Pollination plays a vital role in the health of our woodlands and grasslands which provide forage, fish and wildlife, timber, recreational opportunities and economic development opportunities for our community; and
- WHEREAS: Pollinator species provide significant environmental benefits that are necessary for maintaining healthy bio-diverse ecosystems; and
- WHEREAS: The City of Owatonna has managed wildlife habitats, parks and public areas for the benefit of City residents, visitors and others to enjoy for many decades; and
- WHEREAS: The City of Owatonna, on March 5, 2019 joined thirty-nine other Minnesota cities, by passing Resolution 16-19 to be a Pollinator Friendly City and pledging to increase flowering habitat, to limit pesticide use, including systemic pollinator lethal insecticides, and to encourage residents and property owners in the City of Owatonna to incorporate pollinator-friendly plants in city landscapes; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota provides conservation assistance to the City of Owatonna to promote wise conservation stewardship, including the protection and maintenance of pollinators and their habitats on working lands and wild-lands.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THOMAS KUNTZ, Mayor of the City of Owatonna, do hereby proclaim the week of June 21 to June 27, 2021 as

## **POLLINATOR WEEK in the CITY OF OWATONNA**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Owatonna to be affixed on the 1st day of June, 2021.

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Thomas A. Kuntz, Mayor