

# PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS**, the City of Missoula has partnered with the National Wildlife Federation to promote the creation and conservation of wildlife habitats throughout the Garden City; and
- WHEREAS**, our local pollinating hummingbirds, bees, beetles, flies, moths, and butterflies are essential for maintaining healthy, biodiverse ecosystems; and
- WHEREAS**, pollination allows plants to reproduce food that form the foundation of the food chain for other species, including humans; and
- WHEREAS**, pollination plays a vital role in the health of our forests and grasslands, which provide forage, fish and wildlife, timber, water, mineral resources, and recreational opportunities as well as enhanced economic development opportunities for communities; and
- WHEREAS**, the act of Gardening for Wildlife promotes sustainable gardening practices such as soil and water conservation, organic practices, and control of exotic species, all of which help to restore healthy soil, air, and water that native pollinators rely upon.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, John Engen, Mayor of the City of Missoula, in the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim the week of May 7-13, 2018 as

## MISSOULA POLLINATOR WEEK

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the City of Missoula, in the State of Montana, to be affixed at Missoula, Montana, this 7th day of May, in the year two thousand eighteen.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Engen".

John Engen  
Mayor