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Resolution Recognizing National Pollinator Week, June 21-27, 2021

and the environmental work of Councilman Rich Swirsky

City of Akron, Ohio

WHEREAS, pollinator species such as birds and insects are essential partners of farmers and ranchers in producing much of our food supply; 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, pollinator species provide significant environmental benefits that are necessary for maintaining healthy, biodiverse ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, pollinator species make possible one in three bites of a nutritious diet for humans; and

WHEREAS, pollinators provide pollination services for fruits, nuts, and vegetables supporting urban farms, which helps to reduce food insecurity in our community;

WHEREAS, pollinator habitat protects soil and water quality by mitigating runoff and protecting against soil erosion; and,

WHEREAS, pollinator diversity provides ecosystem services including pest population reduction; and

WHEREAS, the City of Akron lies along the Monarch Butterfly migratory route wherein increased pollinator habitat can provide refuge and food at the beginning and end of the Monarchs annual migration from Mexico to Canada; and

WHEREAS, Councilman Rich Swirsky worked passionately on behalf of our environment;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Daniel Horrigan, Mayor of the City of Akron, Ohio, do hereby proclaim the week of **June 21-27, 2021**, Akron, Ohio Pollinator Week throughout the City of Akron, Ohio, and urge all citizens to recognize this observance.

*Our mission is to provide leadership, education, action, and development to support the health and sustainability of honey bees, native pollinators, and the keepers of the ecosystem.
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