



## POLLINATOR WEEK PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, in 2025, Governor Jared Polis proclaimed the month of June as Colorado Pollinator Month and in 2008, the U.S. Senate unanimously approved and designated a week in June as “National Pollinator Week”; and

**WHEREAS**, in the last 35 years, populations of some pollinator species in Colorado have dropped by more than half including nearly 25% of native bee species imperiled and at increasing risk of extinction, and the monarch butterfly population experiencing declines of 74–80% in populations both east and west of the Rocky Mountains; and

**WHEREAS**, one out of every three bites of food eaten worldwide is a result of pollinators including native bees, butterflies, and additional species of insects, birds, and bats; and pollinators contribute an estimated \$29 billion to farm income annually and are integral to our quality of life, economic resiliency, vitality of our natural environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Erie’s Sustainability Advisory Board, and the Forestry and Sustainability divisions are focused on pollinator support through education and outreach on the importance of pollinators, including native bees, in maintaining a healthy ecosystem, the pursuit of Pollinator District Certification, and the mapping of public and private pollinator habitats; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Erie Parks & Recreation Department manages parks, public landscaping, and other public lands that include greenways and wildlife habitats; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Erie provides recommendations to developers and residents regarding landscaping to promote wise conservation stewardship, including the protection of pollinators and maintenance of their habitats.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Town Council does hereby proclaim the week of June 22, 2026, through June 28, 2026, as Pollinator Week. We urge Town residents to learn more, take action, and work together to protect and support pollinator health in our community and beyond.

**DATED THIS 26<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2026**

---

Andrew J. Moore, Mayor

ATTEST:

---

Debbie Stamp, Town Clerk