



## **Pollinator Week Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, in 2024, Governor Polis proclaimed the month of June as Colorado Pollinator Month and in 2008, with then U.S. Representative Polis, Congress unanimously approved and designated a week in June as “National Pollinator Week”; and

**WHEREAS**, the declining pollinator population is an urgent issue affecting the health of natural ecosystems and agricultural productivity, with 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**, pollinators in the U.S. including thousands of species of native bees, butterflies, and additional species of insects, birds, and bats, are essential to pollinating 75% of all flowering plants and 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 is 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**, I, Council Member Anil Pesaramelli, on behalf of Mayor Andrew J. Moore, do hereby proclaim the week of June 16 through June 22, 2025, as Pollinator Week. I urge Town residents to learn more, take action, and work together to protect and support pollinator health in our community and beyond.

**DATED THIS 10<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JUNE 2025**

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**Andrew J. Moore, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Debbie Stamp, Town Clerk**