

# City of Vancouver, Washington

## Proclamation

- WHEREAS, pollinators such as bees, butterflies, birds, and bats play a vital role in maintaining healthy ecosystems, supporting biodiversity, and contributing to agricultural productivity; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Vancouver recognizes the importance of protecting and enhancing pollinator habitat to ensure the continued well-being of our natural environment and local food systems; and
- WHEREAS, the 68th Washington Legislature passed Substitute Senate Bill 5934, empowering cities, and counties to promote pollinator-friendly landscaping practices and prohibiting the banning of pollinator habitat and native lawns by cities, counties, and homeowners' associations; and
- WHEREAS, we can support conservation efforts by educating residents, businesses, and community organizations about the importance of pollinators and the role they play in our ecosystem; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Vancouver is committed to promoting sustainable landscaping practices, enhancing green spaces, and fostering a vibrant, pollinator-friendly community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anne McEnery-Ogle, Mayor of Vancouver, Washington, do hereby proclaim the 17th-23rd of June as:

### “ Pollinator Week ”

in the City of Vancouver and call upon the people of Vancouver to support pollinator conservation efforts and declare our commitment to continuing to support policies and practices that promote biodiversity and the well being of pollinators.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Vancouver to be affixed this 17th day of June 2024.

*Anne McEnery-Ogle*  
ANNE McENERY-OGLE, MAYOR