

City of Vancouver, Washington

Proclamation

- WHEREAS, pollinator species such as birds, bees, butterflies, and other insects are essential partners of local farmers, gardeners, and stewards of Vancouver's green spaces in producing much of our food supply; and
- WHEREAS, pollination plays a vital role in the health of Vancouver's urban forests, parks, and greenways, which provide forage, habitats for fish and wildlife, timber, water resources, and recreational opportunities, all of which enhance the city's ecological and economic vitality; and
- WHEREAS, pollinator species provide significant environmental benefits, contributing to the health, biodiversity, and sustainability of Vancouver's ecosystems; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Vancouver has long championed environmental stewardship, with initiatives to protect pollinator habitats in our public parks, urban gardens, and natural areas; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Vancouver has committed to being a designated Bee City USA, demonstrating its dedication to creating sustainable habitats for pollinators by adopting policies, practices, and public education initiatives that support bees, butterflies, and other pollinators vital to the city's ecosystems; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Vancouver actively collaborates with local organizations and communities to support conservation efforts and raise awareness about the importance of pollinators and their habitats.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor McEnermy-Ogle, Mayor of the City of Vancouver, do hereby proclaim the week of June 16-22, 2025, as

“ Vancouver Pollinator Week ”

throughout the City of Vancouver and urge the community to join in recognizing the vital contributions of pollinators and to participate in activities and efforts to protect and support these essential species.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Vancouver to be affixed this 16th day of June 2025.

Anne McEnermy-Ogle

ANNE McENERMY-OGLE, MAYOR