

# PROCLAMATION

## IN RECOGNITION OF BEE CITY USA NATIONAL POLLINATOR WEEK

**WHEREAS**, pollinator species such as thousands of species of bees are essential partners in producing much of our food supply; and

**WHEREAS**, pollinator species provide significant environmental benefits that are necessary for maintaining healthy, diverse urban and suburban ecosystems; and

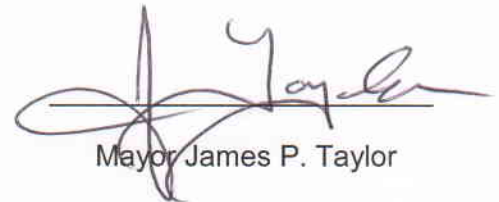
**WHEREAS**, pollination plays a vital role for the trees and plants of our community, enhancing our quality of life, and creating recreational and economic development opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, for decades the Town of Matthews has managed urban landscapes and public lands that include many municipal parks and greenways, as well as wildlife habitats; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, James P. Taylor, Mayor of the Town of Matthews do hereby proclaim the week of June 12 – 18, 2017 as **National Pollinator Week** and the Town of Matthews as an affiliate of Bee City USA and urge all citizens to recognize this observance.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Town of Matthews to be affixed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017.

  
Mayor James P. Taylor

