

# Town of North Kingstown

## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the North Kingstown Water Department and the North Kingstown Groundwater Committee realize the importance of more robust activities to create/re-create more extensive pollinator-friendly plantings, encouraging a better habitat for our endangered pollinator population and strengthening North Kingstown's dedication to its biodiversity; and

WHEREAS, creating a healthier environment for an endangered pollinators population will also result in better water quality and diminish precious water use; and

WHEREAS, a White House proclamation, the USDA, The Natural Resources Conservation Service, the National Fish and Wildlife Service, the RI Natural History Survey, the RI Wild Plant Society, and many other national and local organizations, and not least, the University of Rhode Island, are encouraging more pollinator-friendly activities to protect the planet's threatened food supplies; and

WHEREAS, the Town of North Kingstown is dedicated to preserving our natural environment and protecting biological diversity, as exemplified in its Zoning Regulations and its Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town of North Kingstown owns multiple properties including the gardens at the Beechwood House, where pollinator-friendly plants have already been installed, and many other properties where modest pollinator-friendly practices could greatly increase the health and longevity of its pollinator population; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that the North Kingstown Community understand the vital role that pollinators play in the planet's food supply and the role that all citizens can play to sustain them.



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Now, therefore, be it proclaimed that The Town of North Kingstown will, when appropriate and affordable, adopt pollinator-friendly actions on its grounds, leading to better water quality and lower water use, and encourage the citizens of the Town of North Kingstown to follow suit.

Kerry P. McKay  
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