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Title: NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Pittsburgh hereby declares May 31st as "Pittsburgh Pollinator Day" and encourages all residents to celebrate and promote the importance of pollinators, the creation of pollinator gardens, and the protection of their habitats for the betterment of our community and the environment.

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WHEREAS, green spaces like pollinator gardens can improve mental health by reducing stress, providing peaceful environments, and giving people a chance to connect with nature; and,

WHEREAS, pollinators like bees, butterflies, and birds are vital for growing the food we eat and keeping our environment healthy; and,

WHEREAS, many pollinator species like Monarch butterflies and bumblebees are endangered, and creating habitats like pollinator gardens is crucial to ensuring their survival; and,

WHEREAS, in the past bee populations decreased at a rate of 15% but since 2006 it has increased to an alarming 30% every year, and bees are responsible for pollinating $\frac{1}{3}$ of the world's food supply; and,

WHEREAS, pollinators are responsible for over 75% of the world's flowering plants; and,

WHEREAS, while pollinator gardens are essential to maintaining a healthy environment and ecosystem, they are also needed to provide cleaner cities and communities; and,

WHEREAS, pollinator gardens in Pittsburgh help reduce urban heat, filter pollutants from the air, and provide natural cooling, which are critical benefits in combating the effects of climate change in cities; and,

WHEREAS, pollinator gardens help protect wildlife by giving them access to safe spaces and natural resources; and,

WHEREAS, climate change is a social justice and equity issue, disproportionately affecting people of color and people in poverty, thereby exacerbating existing inequities and limiting equality of opportunity, which is a

foundational aspiration for modern America; and,

WHEREAS, pollinator gardens can create more beautiful environments and help people feel better about where they live, and;

WHEREAS, the Humane Action Pennsylvania Youth Steering Committee and the City of Pittsburgh recognize that protecting pollinators is not only about preserving biodiversity but also about fostering a culture of care, leadership, and responsibility among young people, whose actions today will shape the health and future of our planet for generations to come;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Pittsburgh hereby declares May 31st as "**Pittsburgh Pollinator Day**" and encourages all residents to celebrate and promote the importance of pollinators, the creation of pollinator gardens, and the protection of their habitats for the betterment of our community and the environment.