

# TOWN OF FAIRFAX PROCLAMATION

## Recognizing and Celebrating California Biodiversity Day

**WHEREAS**, the United Nations has identified biodiversity loss, climate change, and pollution as the three major threats to global sustainability; and

**WHEREAS**, biodiversity loss is occurring at an alarming rate, evidenced by the worldwide decline in insect populations, the loss of nearly one-third of North America's bird species since 1970, and the shrinking populations of various plants and animals in Marin County; and

**WHEREAS**, the loss of biodiversity has detrimental effects on ecosystem stability, food production, and public health; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of California, in 2018, proclaimed September 7th as California Biodiversity Day and launched the California Biodiversity Initiative to promote the protection and enhancement of the state's diverse ecosystems; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Marin recognized the importance of these actions by celebrating its inaugural Biodiversity Day in 2021 and establishing the Marin Biodiversity Corridor Initiative; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Fairfax is actively engaged in efforts to protect, enhance, and restore populations of native species within its borders; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Fairfax supports local, regional, and global initiatives to sustain biodiversity as a vital component of environmental and human well-being;

**THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** by the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax, hereby proclaims September 7th, 2024, as California Biodiversity Day in the Town of Fairfax, and I urge all residents and employees to participate in activities and efforts that support and celebrate biodiversity.



Signed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024

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Barbara Coler, Mayor of Fairfax