

Resolution to Support Pollinator-friendly Practices at the University of Minnesota Duluth

WHEREAS, bees and pollinators are critical for food diversity and crucial to the world's economy; and

WHEREAS, pollinators are threatened due to pesticides, habitat loss, and parasites; and

WHEREAS, correlation between systemic pesticides, including neonicotinoids, and the decrease in pollinators is proven by research; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest to demonstrate the University's commitment to a safe and healthy environment through pollinator-friendly, pest best management practices in the maintenance of University owned property; and

WHEREAS, the strategic plan for the University of Minnesota Duluth includes a campus that exemplifies sustainable efforts and practices.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the University of Minnesota Duluth shall continue to promote, enforce, and maintain pollinator-friendly practices in plantings and pesticides on University land,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the University of Minnesota Duluth shall avoid the use of pesticides, including those of the neonicotinoid family, except for threats to forestry and other University property,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the University of Minnesota Duluth shall continue its efforts to plant seeds and plants of native nature that are favorable to pollinators of native and nonnative kinds, which enhance pollinator habitat.

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