

1 Dunbar Gardens, Western Hills Park and Catholic High School for Boys; and 4) it would aid the City's
2 effort toward becoming more sustainable; and;

3 **WHEREAS**, ideal pollinator-friendly habitat: 1) provides diverse and abundant nectar and pollen from
4 plants blooming in succession; 2) provides clean water for drinking, nest-building, cooling, diluting stored
5 honey, and butterfly puddling; 3) is pesticide-free or has pesticide use carried out with least ill effects on
6 pollinators; 4) is comprised of mostly, if not all, native species of annual and perennial wildflowers, shrubs,
7 trees, and grasses because many native pollinators prefer or depend on the native plants with which they
8 co-evolved; 5) includes, where possible, designated pollinator zones in public spaces with signage to
9 educate the public and build awareness; 6) provides for safe and humane removal of bees when required;
10 and 7) provides undisturbed spaces (leaf and brush piles, un-mowed fields or field margins, fallen trees and
11 other dead wood) for nesting and overwintering for native pollinators; and;

12 **WHEREAS**, in order to enhance understanding among local government staff and the public about the
13 vital role that pollinator's play and what each of us can do to sustain them, the City of Little Rock, Arkansas,
14 agrees to meet the commitments required of all *Bee City USA* communities set forth in this Resolution.

15 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY**
16 **OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:**

17 **Section 1.** The Board of Directors of Little Rock, Arkansas, here accepts the designation and commits
18 to the standards of *Bee City USA* contained in Section 2.

19 **Section 2.** The City hereby agrees to:

20 (a) designate a local government department as the *Bee City USA* sponsor and an employee from that
21 department as the *Bee City USA* "liaison;" and assign facilitation of the local *Bee City USA* program either
22 to a) a new or existing commission or b) a non-profit organization, to encourage and coordinate local
23 pollinator habitat and awareness activities. This body will serve as the intermediary between the citizenry
24 and local government on matters of enhancing pollinator awareness, health and habitat, fulfilling the
25 following commitments:

26 (b) annually celebrate National Pollinator Week (third full week of June) or some other appropriate
27 occasion with educational events, pollinator habitat plantings or restoration, proclamations or promotions
28 that showcase the municipality's commitment to enhancing pollinator health and habitat.

29 (c) annually apply for renewal of the community's designation and submit a report of the previous year's
30 *BEE CITY USA* activities following the format provided.

31 (d) publicly acknowledge the City's commitment by agreeing to 1) install and maintain at least one
32 authorized *Bee City USA* street sign in a prominent location; and 2) create and maintain links on appropriate
33 pages of the local government's website which includes, at minimum, links to a PDF of this signed
34 Resolution and the national *Bee City USA* website, contact information for the local government's *Bee City*

1 USA liaison and designated “facilitator commission or non-profit organization committee,” and reports of
2 the pollinator-friendly activities the community has accomplished the previous year(s).

3 **Section 3. Severability.** In the event any title, section, paragraph, item, sentence, clause, phrase, or
4 word of this resolution is declared or adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration or
5 adjudication shall not affect the remaining portions of the resolution which shall remain in full force and
6 effect as if the portion so declared or adjudged invalid or unconstitutional were not originally a part of the
7 resolution.

8 **Section 4. Repealer.** All laws, ordinances, resolutions, or parts of the same, that are inconsistent with
9 the provisions of this resolution, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

10 **ADOPTED: July 5, 2016.**

11 **ATTEST:**

APPROVED:

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14 **Susan Langley, City Clerk**

_____ **Mark Stodola, Mayor**

15 **APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:**

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18 **Thomas M. Carpenter, City Attorney**

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