

# City of Des Moines



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS,** THE CITY OF DES MOINES, AND ITS SUSTAINABILITY OFFICE AND OTHER PROGRAMS HAVE GOALS TO SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASE GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE AND TO SUPPORT OUR NATURAL ECOLOGIC SYSTEMS; AND

**WHEREAS,** THE CITY OF DES MOINES WISHES TO INCENTIVIZE ITS CITIZENS TO TAKE MEANINGFUL ACTION ON THEIR PROPERTIES TO INCREASE POLLINATOR HABITAT, AND

**WHEREAS,** THE IDEAL POLLINATOR-FRIENDLY HABITAT IS COMPRISED OF NATIVE WILDFLOWERS, GRASSES, VINES, SHRUBS, AND TREES BLOOMING IN SUCCESSION THROUGHOUT THE SEASONS; AND

**WHEREAS,** THE FORMATIVE PERIOD FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF POLLINATOR INSECT SPECIES OCCURS IN LATE SPRING AND WHEN POLLINATOR SPECIES EMERGE.

**BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE CITY OF DES MOINES, ITS SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM AND PARTNERING ORGANIZATIONS, JOINTLY RECOGNIZE NO MOW MAY TO PROMOTE AND EDUCATE THE COMMUNITY ABOUT THE CRITICAL PERIOD OF POLLINATOR EMERGENCE AND THE GENERATION OF POLLINATOR-SUPPORTING HABITAT IN SPRING, AND**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT SIGNAGE WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO BE PLACED IN THE LAWNS OF ALL PARTICIPANTS.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, T. M. FRANKLIN COWNIE, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE RESIDENTS OF DES MOINES, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF MAY 2023, AS:**

**“No Mow May”**

**AND I ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO OBSERVE NO MOW MAY.**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND CAUSED THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA TO BE AFFIXED THIS TENTH DAY OF APRIL TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-THREE.**

**T. M. FRANKLIN COWNIE, MAYOR  
CITY OF DES MOINES**