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***Operation Pollination***

***Pollinator Resolution***

*The undersigned recognize the critical importance of pollinator habitat both restored and maintained on public and private lands, particularly found within our geographic area. Through collaboration and outreach resulting from this* ***Pollinator Resolution****, an interconnected mosaic of pollinator habitat will be developed to help restore and maintain populations of pollinator species throughout this region.*

* WHEREAS, pollinators include butterflies, bees, some birds, bats, and other insects that play a crucial role in flowering plant reproduction, and
* WHEREAS, three-fourths of the world’s flowering plants and 35% of the world’s food crops depend on pollination to be successful, and
* WHEREAS, given the breadth, severity, and persistence of pollinator losses it is critical to expand efforts to reverse these losses and restore populations to healthy levels, and
* WHEREAS, an ***Operation Pollination*** goal is to increase pollinator habitat throughout the world, and
* WHEREAS, the leadership and impact of Rotarians volunteering to improve communities is a hallmark of Rotary International, and
* WHEREAS**,** the ***Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group*** (***ESRAG***) supports the goals of ***Operation Pollination,*** and
* WHEREAS**,** working together, we can increase capacity to reach out to organizations and individuals throughout our region with information and education about pollinators and their need for protection,

***Operation Pollination* Goals**

* **Increase and improve pollinator habitat** by identifying existing pockets of pollinator habitat and helping develop a nectar corridor for migratory and non-migratory pollinator species.
* **Develop strategic partnerships** for improving or creating habitat for pollinators and providing educational opportunities.
* **Encourage action** through voluntary, collaborative, and locally led conservation actions such as planting pollinator gardens, building bee blocks and avoiding or limiting pesticide use.
* **Provide education** to those interested in increasing their knowledge of pollinators and improving pollinator habitat.
* **Promote citizen science** opportunities to track key pollinator species populations and share research and resources about restoring pollinator habitat.

*THEREFORE, we declare that it is our goal to support the goals of* ***Operation Pollination****, and to collaboratively and strategically protect and enhance pollinator species and their habitat on public and private lands throughout our geographic area.*

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