



Pollinator Resolution

*The undersigned recognize the critical importance of pollinator habitat both restored and maintained on public and private lands within Rotary District 6440. 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,

*THEREFORE, we declare that it is the intention of Rotary District 6440 to support the goals of **Operation Pollination**, and to work with our Clubs to collaboratively and strategically protect and enhance pollinator species and their habitat on public and private lands throughout the District.*

Governor, Rotary District 6440

Environmental Chair, Rotary District 6440

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.

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