Proclaiming June 17 - 23 to be Pollinator Week in Clackamas County

WHEREAS, Pollinator species such as birds and insects are essential partners of farmers and ranchers in producing much of our food supply; and

WHEREAS, Pollination plays a vital role in the health of our national forests and grasslands, which provide forage, fish and wildlife, timber, water, mineral resources, and recreational opportunities as well as enhanced economic development opportunities for communities; and

WHEREAS, Pollinator species provide significant environmental and economic benefits that are necessary for maintaining healthy, biodiverse ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, For decades, Clackamas County has managed wildlife habitats and public lands, such as forests and parks; and

WHEREAS, Clackamas County supports and collaborates with organizations such as the OSU Extension Service and its Master Gardener program, and the Audubon Society's Backyard Habitat Certification Program, to provide conservation assistance and promote wise conservation and stewardship, including the protection and maintenance of pollinators and their habitats on forests and park lands; and

WHEREAS, Clackamas County and its residents and landowners can make management choices that support pollinators; and

WHEREAS, Clackamas County has a strategic priority to honor, utilize, promote and invest in our natural resources, and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED, that the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners declares June 17 – 23, 2019 as Pollinator Week in Clackamas County. We encourage all citizens to join us in this observance.

Dated this 13th day of June, 2019.

CLACKAMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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