

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-0057

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

March 3, 2015

RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO AS A HONEY BEE HAVEN

BACKGROUND

- A. Each year since 2006, commercial beekeepers in the United States have reported annual losses of bees in excess of what would be considered normal.
- B. Honey bees are a keystone indicator species and their decline points to broader environmental degradation.
- C. Bees and other pollinators are essential to the majority of flowering plants on our planet.
- D. Pollinator population declines may be a significant piece of the current collapse in biodiversity that some biologists believe poses an even greater threat to humanity than climate change.
- E. Threats to pollinators concern the entire food system. Pollination services provided by honey bees and other essential pollinators account for one in every three bites of food; are responsible for the pollination of key crops, including almonds, apples, blueberries, cherries, and many others; and contribute over \$19 billion worth of services to U.S. agriculture.
- F. Multiple and interacting causes that are likely contributors to the decline of pollinator populations include pathogens, habitat loss, and exposure to pesticides. Scientific evidence about the impacts of neonicotinoid pesticides including clothianidians, thiamethoxam, and imidacloprid – is especially compelling and warrants action.

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. The City of Sacramento is declared a Honey Bee Haven and will be mapped on honeybeehaven.org.
- Section 2. The City of Sacramento officially recognizes the critical importance of bees and other pollinators to our food supply and to our environment.

Section 3. The City of Sacramento will transmit copies of this resolution to the appropriate local agencies, the United States Environmental Protection Agency, and the United States Department of Agriculture.

Adopted by the City of Sacramento City Council on March 3, 2015, by the following vote:

Ayes: Members Carr, Hansen, Harris, Jennings, Schenirer, Warren and Mayor Johnson

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Member Ashby

Vacant: District 6

Attest:

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