

# City of Stillwater, Minnesota

## *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, insects, especially bees, serve a significant and critical role as pollinators of plants including agricultural plants; and

**WHEREAS**, the formative period for pollinators and other insect species and the many songbirds and other urban wildlife species that depend upon them is late spring and early summer as they emerge from dormancy; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Stillwater supports increasing crucial, pollinator-friendly habitat by encouraging pollinator-friendly lawn-care practices; and

**WHEREAS**, reducing organic yard waste collection contributes to an overall decrease in municipal solid waste; and

**WHEREAS**, non-pesticide-treated soil has a healthy population of worms and other organisms that mix and aerate the soil, thereby allowing greater infiltration of storm-water and reducing run-off.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Stillwater Mayor and Stillwater City Council support No Mow May to actively promote and educate residents about limiting lawn care practices, during the month of May, in order to provide early season foraging resources for pollinators and to create an opportunity for reducing fossil fuel emissions, noise pollution, and pesticide use in the City of Stillwater.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City Council direct staff to suspend nuisance ordinance citations for turf height during the month of May in order to permit all residents to voluntarily delay lawn mowing which could result in groundcover and turf that exceeds established ordinance height restrictions and that beginning on June 1st, nuisance ordinance enforcement will resume and may result in a citation for code violation.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Ted Kozlowski, Mayor of the City of Stillwater, do hereby proclaim  
**May 2023**

*~ No Mow May ~*

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Stillwater to be affixed this 7th day of February, 2023.



  
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Mayor