

**RESOLUTION**

**NO MOW MAY RESOLUTION**

At a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of New Paltz, Ulster County, New York, held in New Paltz, New York, in said Town on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023, at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock P.M., Prevailing time.

The meeting was called to order by Council Member \_\_\_\_\_, and upon roll being called, the following roll was taken:

	<b><u>PRESENT</u></b>	<b><u>ABSENT</u></b>
Supervisor Neil Bettez	_____	_____
Council Member Daniel Torres	_____	_____
Council Member Alex Baer	_____	_____
Council Member Julie Seyfert Lillis	_____	_____
Council Member Esi Lewis	_____	_____

The following resolution was offered by Council Member \_\_\_\_\_, who moved its adoption, seconded by Council Member \_\_\_\_\_, to wit:

**WHEREAS**, the Town of New Paltz wishes to expand pollinator-friendly habitat on public and private land, encouraging the community to adopt sustainable pollinator-friendly land management practices, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Town of New Paltz is in a unique position to significantly increase pollinator-friendly habitat by encouraging pollinator-friendly lawn-care practices and by asking its citizens to take direct and meaningful action on their own properties, and

**WHEREAS**, ideal pollinator-friendly habitat is comprised of mostly native wildflowers, grasses, vines, shrubs, and trees blooming in succession throughout the growing season, is free or nearly free of pesticides, is comprised of undisturbed spaces including leaf and brush piles, un-mown fields or field margins; and provides connectivity between habitat areas to support pollinator movement and resilience; and

**WHEREAS**, the formative period for establishment of pollinator and other insect species, and the many songbirds and other urban wildlife species which depend upon them, occurs in late spring and early summer when they emerge from dormancy and require flowering plants as crucial

foraging habitat; and these opportunities are dramatically reduced with early spring leaf-litter removal and grass-mowing;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Town of New Paltz recognizes No-Mow May to actively promote and educate the community about the critical period of pollinator emergence, generation of crucial pollinator-supporting habitat and early spring foraging opportunities, and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that for the duration of the month of May, the Town of New Paltz shall not issue citations for excessive weed growth in order to encourage homeowners to delay lawn-care practices until June, allowing pollinator species to emerge and early flowering grasses and flowers to establish.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call which resulted as follows:

<u>VOTE</u>	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Supervisor Neil Bettez	_____	_____	_____
Council Member Daniel Torres	_____	_____	_____
Council Member Alex Baer	_____	_____	_____
Council Member Julie Seyfert Lillis	_____	_____	_____
Council Member Esi Lewis	_____	_____	_____

The resolution was thereupon duly adopted.

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Rosanna Rosenkranse, Town Clerk

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_