



**Hillsborough
Soil & Water**
Conservation District
Florida



Rotary



ERVE TO CHANGE LIVES



Operation Pollination Resolution



Hillsborough Soil and Water Conservation District, in partnership with Rotary Club of Brandon Global Eco

Because pollinators play a crucial role in food production in the United States and worldwide and face serious decline, the undersigned seek to commit through this resolution to the creation, development and execution of community-based pollinator projects.

WHEREAS, bees, bats, birds and butterflies are all pollinators that play a critical role in the transfer of pollen from one flower to another; and

WHEREAS, this transfer is essential for the flower to produce fruit and seed; and

WHEREAS, of the approximately 1,330 different crop plants grown worldwide for food, fiber and medicines, 75 percent are pollinated by animals and insects; and

WHEREAS, the value of food produced annually in the U.S. as a direct result of pollination is 15 billion; and

WHEREAS, according to the BIP (Bee Informed Partnership) Survey, beekeepers across the United States lost 45.5 percent of their honeybee colonies between April 2020 and April 2021, the second greatest decline recorded in a one-year period since the surveys started in 2006; and

WHEREAS, these declines are attributable to a number of environmental and man-induced factors; and

WHEREAS, the Monarch butterfly population has dropped by more than 80 percent over the past 20 years, with the U.S. Geological Survey estimating there is a 60 percent chance this continued decline will wipe out the Monarch's twice-yearly migration over the next 20 years; and

WHEREAS, planting milkweed and nectar-bearing plants is necessary to help reverse this trend;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that individuals or groups signing this resolution agree to conduct one or more projects benefiting pollinators between April 2022 and April 2024 and report their programs, projects and activities to the Hillsborough Soil and Water Conservation District and Rotary Club of Brandon Global Eco in conjunction with the Hillsborough 100 Conservation Challenge and Operation Pollination. Projects may include, but are not limited to, development and restoration of pollinator habitats; planting of wildflowers, milkweed and other pollinator-friendly plant species; presentation of educational conservation and pollinator programs for youth and adults; establishment and support of bee colonies and hives; and other similar programs.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Print: _____

Group: _____



A Hillsborough 100 Conservation Challenge Action Awareness Project

