

**A RESOLUTION  
BY COUNCIL MEMBER ALEX WAN**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, DESIGNATING THE CITY OF ATLANTA AS A BEE CITY USA AFFILIATE; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, TO ENTER INTO ANY REQUIRED AGREEMENTS FOR THE PARTICIPATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF SUCH DESIGNATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the mission of BEE CITY USA is to galvanize communities to sustain pollinators, responsible for one in every three bites of food we eat, by providing them with healthy habitat; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to enhance understanding among local government staff and the public about the vital role that pollinators play and what each of us can do to sustain them, City of Atlanta chooses to support and encourage pollinator habitat creation and enhancement on both public and private land; and

**WHEREAS**, Pollinators—including native bees, butterflies, hummingbirds, and moths—support the production of a wide variety of essential foods that improve the agricultural industry, enhance natural aesthetics, and ultimately help the City reach its sustainability goals; and

**WHEREAS**, pollinators are suffering abnormal annual population declines due to habitat destruction, pathogens, parasites, and the effects of herbicides, fungicides, and insecticides, which also become harmful to human health when they accumulate in an ecosystem; and

**WHEREAS**, application of certain pesticides—particularly systemic herbicides and systemic pesticides like neonicotinoid insecticides—creates crippling and often lethal conditions for pollinator populations; and

**THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES**, that the Mayor, or his designee, is authorized to apply for and accept designation to the BEE CITY USA program.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor or his designee is authorized to take such actions, including those enumerated in attached Exhibit A for Project participation and implementation with the BEE CITY USA program; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that this application and any agreement will not become binding on the City and the City will incur no liability or obligation under it until it has been duly executed by the City and delivered to BEE CITY USA.