Celebrating Boulder's Pollinators and Little Creatures August and September 2023

There are over a million known species of insects and other invertebrates on earth, including Boulder's 550 species of native bees, butterflies, beetles, flies, grasshoppers, praying mantids, and countless other tiny creatures that maintain the health and beauty of our grasslands, forests, meadows, wetlands, creeks, and other natural areas by providing services such as pollination, clean air and water, waste removal, and natural pest control. These tiny creatures are indispensable partners in the production of our food supply and are essential for the diverse and thriving ecosystems that support all life.

Insects, including critical pollinators, are declining precipitously throughout the world due to habitat loss, pesticide use and climate change. This is placing our food security, natural environment, and human wellbeing in peril.

We honor the legacy from those who came before us to protect the natural world and the outstanding beauty of Boulder. We pledge to learn more about insects and other invertebrates to protect them and to heal our land and strengthen our connection with each other by joining together to share art, music, and a series of workshops and events to inspire our community to create innovative and equitable solutions to appreciate and protect pollinators and all other little creatures.

As our community enjoys the bountiful autumn harvest, and as we witness the regeneration of our natural lands from the tireless work of these tiny creatures, the City Council of the City of Boulder, Colorado declares August and September 2023 as a time to

Celebrate and Appreciate Little Creatures

And commits to taking action in partnership with our community as we join together to protect all biodiversity for current and future generations.

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Aaron Brockett, Mayor