

Resolution No. 2025-

RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECOGNIZING MAY 20, 2025, AS WORLD BEE DAY IN SOLANO COUNTY

WHEREAS, Bees and other pollinators are essential to our existence. Thanks to the over 20,000 bee species and various other wild pollinators, plants that form the basis of our diets can be produced; and

WHEREAS, pollinators help agriculture and biodiversity to flourish. Yet, habitat loss and several unsustainable farming practices are threatening the health and survival of many different species of pollinators. Bees are essential to the production of 75 percent of crops globally, including fruits, vegetables, nuts and seeds; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of **World Bee Day on May 20th** presents an opportunity to step up our efforts to protect bees and other pollinators. By doing so we can mitigate risks to food security and nutrition, agricultural livelihoods, biodiversity and the environment; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme is "Bee inspired by nature to nourish us all", highlights the critical role bees and other pollinators play in agri-food systems and the health of our planet's ecosystem. Underscoring the need for holistic approaches to ensure the long-term coexistence of agriculture, pollinators and the environment; and

WHEREAS, on World Bee Day we encourage you to observe the different types of bees and pollinators in your area, learn about their habitats and needs for survival. Choose native plants and pollinator attractive crops for your yard that bloom at different times of the year to provide a consistent source of food for the pollinators in your area. Set up bee houses or nesting sites for solitary bees, like carpenter or bumblebees. Native bees often nest on or in the ground, so having an area of your yard that is untouched and left for the pollinators is a great way to protect our native pollinators. It is also recommended to reduce the use of harmful chemicals in your yard to create a safe place for the pollinators to thrive.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Solano County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes May 20, 2025, as World Bee Day in Solano County.

Dated this 13th day of May 2025

MITCH H. MASHBURN, Chair
Solano County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
BILL EMLLEN, Clerk
Solano County Board of Supervisors

By:_____
Alicia Draves, Chief Deputy Clerk