



Proclamation

of the Livingston City Commission

Proclaiming the No Mow May in the City of Livingston, Montana

WHEREAS, pollinators are being threatened due to habitat loss, pesticide use, pathogens, and parasites; and

WHEREAS, recent research suggests that bee pollinators make use of no mow spaces as key floral resources are available during early spring,

WHEREAS, the formative period for establishment of pollinators and the many songbirds and wildlife species that depend on them occurs in the late spring and summer in Livingston as they emerge from dormancy and require flowering plants providing crucial foraging habitat; and

WHEREAS, the City of Livingston would like to encourage interested residents to increase pollinator-friendly habitat by encouraging pollinator friendly lawn care practices on their property for the month of May; and

WHEREAS, “No Mow May” is a voluntary committee initiative that encourages property owners to limit mowing during the month of May to provide early season foraging resources for pollinators that emerge in early spring, especially in urban landscapes; and

WHEREAS, the City of Livingston would like to encourage interested residents to increase pollinator-friendly habitat by encouraging pollinator friendly lawn care practices on their own properties for the month of May during this critical formative period; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Commission of the City of Livingston recognizes the importance of No Mow May to promote and educate the community about the critical period of pollinator emergence and the generation of crucial pollinator supporting early spring foraging opportunities.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Commission directs the City Manager to observe No Mow May in certain City facilities and parks to encourage the pollinating and foraging activities that support our ecosystem.

I, Melissa Nootz, chair, do hereby proclaim, the month of May 2023, to be:

NO MOW MAY IN LIVINGSTON, MONTANA

And, encourage all residents to recognize this observance.

Signed this 3 day of May, 2023.



MELISSA NOOTZ, Chair
Livingston City Commission





Faith Kinnick,
Recording Secretary