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1 **WHEREAS, the economic benefits of (native and honey) bee-friendliness**
2 **include healthy ecosystems--pollinators are required for reproduction of about**
3 **80% of flowering plants globally, increased vegetable and fruit crop yields due**
4 **to bee pollination, increase of some habitat for natural enemies of crop pests**
5 **and therefore reduced need for and costs associated with pesticides,**
6 **increased demand for pollinator-friendly plant materials from local nurseries,**
7 **income for beekeepers and others through the sale of bee products and**
8 **equipment, hive rentals for pollination, heightened prestige and premium**
9 **asking prices for place-based honey that enhances the visibility and**
10 **reputation of its community of origin, increased economic vitality and**
11 **destination tourism; and**

12 **WHEREAS, Albuquerque and New Mexico have a thriving bee keeping**
13 **community, offering accountability within the beekeeping community and**
14 **teaching fundamentals of beekeeping for both backyard and commercial**
15 **beekeepers, and a multitude of allied organizations in the public and non-**
16 **profit sectors collaborate toward these same goals; and**

17 **WHEREAS, the City continues to strive for the highest compliance in**
18 **certified sprayers and Integrated Pest Management in accordance with EPA**
19 **standards; and**

20 **WHEREAS, ideal pollinator-friendly habitat provides diverse and abundant**
21 **nectar and pollen from plants blooming in succession, provides clean water**
22 **for drinking, nest-building, cooling, diluting stored honey, and butterfly**
23 **puddling, provides pesticide-free zones and best practices for pest**
24 **management, is comprised of mostly native species of plants native**
25 **pollinators prefer or depend on the native plants with which they co-evolved,**
26 **designated pollinator zones in public spaces with signage to educate the**
27 **public, and provides for safe and humane removal of bees when required; and**

28 **WHEREAS, in order to enhance understanding among municipal staff and**
29 **the public about the vital role that pollinators play and what each of us can do**
30 **to sustain them the City of Albuquerque agrees to meet the commitments**
31 **required of Bee City USA communities as stated below.**

32 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF**
33 **ALBUQUERQUE:**

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1 **Section 1. That the City of Albuquerque accepts the designation and**
2 **commits to the standards of Bee City USA (BCUSA) and designates the Parks**
3 **and Recreation Department as the City's BCUSA sponsor; Parks and**
4 **Recreation Department shall designate a representative from that department.**

5 **Section 2. That NMBKA will provide a BCUSA liaison to encourage and**
6 **coordinate local pollinator habitat and awareness activities.**

7 **Section 3. That the designee from the Parks and Recreation Department,**
8 **City Council, and NMBKA will work together to serve as the intermediary**
9 **between the citizenry and the City on matters of enhancing pollinator**
10 **awareness, health and habitat, fulfilling the following commitments:**

11 **(A.) To annually celebrate National Pollinator Week (third week of June)**
12 **or some other appropriate occasion with educational events, pollinator habitat**
13 **plantings or restoration, proclamations or promotions that showcase the**
14 **City's commitment to enhancing pollinator health and habitat.**

15 **(B.) Work annually in collaboration with the non-profit New Mexico**
16 **Beekeeping Association (NMBKA) and City Council to create a progress report**
17 **and shall report to the Council annually by the end of the fiscal year.**

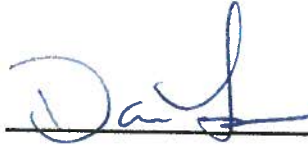
18 **(C.) Annually apply for renewal of the community's designation and**
19 **submit a report of the previous year's BEE CITY USA activities following the**
20 **format provided.**

21 **Section 4. That the City will publicly acknowledge its commitment by**
22 **installing and maintaining at least one authorized BEE CITY USA street sign in**
23 **a prominent location, and creating/maintaining links on appropriate pages of**
24 **the municipal website which includes, at minimum, links to this enacted**
25 **Resolution and the national BEE CITY USA website, contact information for**
26 **the municipality's BEE CITY USA liaison and designated facilitator**
27 **commission or non-profit organization committee, and reports of the**
28 **pollinator-friendly activities the municipality has accomplished the previous**
29 **year(s).**

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1 PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15th DAY OF August 2016
2 BY A VOTE OF: 8 FOR 0 AGAINST.

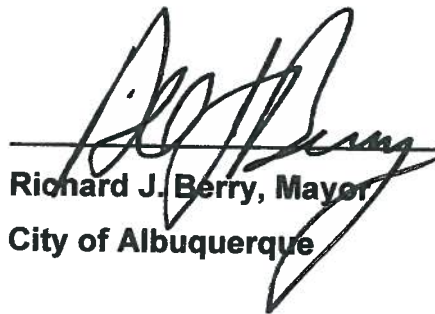
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4 **Excused: Harris**

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9 **Dan Lewis, President**
10 **City Council**

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13 APPROVED THIS 31st DAY OF August, 2016

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17 **Bill No. R-16-77**

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22 **Richard J. Berry, Mayor**
23 **City of Albuquerque**

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25 **ATTEST:**

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29 **Natalie Y. Howard, City Clerk**

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