

**Resolution 2017-02**  
**Adoption of Pollinator Friendly Policy**

**WHEREAS**, bees and other pollinators are crucial to the survival and propagation of many plant species and are important to ecological and economic health; and

**WHEREAS**, many pollinators are threatened due to loss of habitat and other stressors in the environment including exposure to pesticides, pathogens, and parasites, and

**WHEREAS**, recent research strongly suggests a link between insecticides that contain neonicotinoids and impacts to pollinator species, and

**WHEREAS**, the Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation District Board finds it is in the public's interest to commit the soil and water conservation district to a safe and healthy environment through implementation of practices that support pollinator species;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation District supports the implementation of practices that promote pollinator species in the planning, design and maintenance of projects installed; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation District will promote similar support for pollinator species when acting in partnership with other units of government, agencies, or entities; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation District will seek to avoid, find reasonable alternatives to, and refrain from, to the greatest extent practicable, the use of insecticides containing neonicotinoid compounds; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation District will continue to promote and install pollinator friendly plantings when viable and appropriate with a strong preference for native species of a local ecotype which enhance habitat for native pollinators.

Adopted by motion at the November 2, 2017 Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation Districts Board of Supervisors Meeting.