

2016 LCCD POLLINATOR RESOLUTION

WHEREAS Pollinators, both native and domestic, are key to the continued productivity of many agricultural crops as well as the health and beauty of our landscapes;

WHEREAS Healthy pollinator habitat may also enhance soil health and fertility, improve water quality, control agricultural pests and support wildlife populations;

WHEREAS Pollinator populations have declined because of disease, parasites, exposure to pesticides and herbicides, and degradation of food sources; and

WHEREAS human activity is able to mitigate these stresses by enhancing the number and diversity of flowering plants in our environment;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that NACD and MACD continue their support of pollinator projects, providing

--educational and outreach materials with specific emphasis on the relationship between pollinators and agriculture;

--Funding for habitat establishment and restoration;

---Development of ideas and templates for pollinator projects;

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that MACD encourage collaboration with other agencies and organizations to further develop local and regional plans for pollinator habitat enhancement; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that MACD encourages individual Conservation Districts include pollinator projects in their annual goal setting.