

Councilmember \_\_\_\_\_ introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

**RESOLUTION #17-05-124**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING WORK PLAN AND BUDGET FOR A TRAILSIDE POLLINATOR HABITAT RESTORATION AT THE LAKE ITASCA TRAIL**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Ramsey is dedicated to promoting and maintaining a healthy urban and natural environment today and in the future; and

**WHEREAS**, pollinating insects, such as bees, butterflies, moths, flies, and others are integral to a healthy ecosystem and to a wide diversity of essential foods, including fruits, nuts, and vegetables; and

**WHEREAS**, many pollinators, including native bees and the iconic monarch butterfly, are threatened by the loss of natural flowering habitat, pesticide use, pathogens, and parasites; and

**WHEREAS**, the North American monarch population has declined by more than 90% over the past two decades; and

**WHEREAS**, Ramsey can play a critical role in helping protect pollinators by actions including providing pollinator habitat in public parks, along roadways and/or in median strips, at community gardens and municipal buildings; and

**WHEREAS**, restoring pollinator habitat will contribute to a clean environment, one of the Strategic Imperatives of Ramsey's Strategic Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, a stipulated use of the Lawful Gambling Fund is for recreation and community facilities and services as recommended by the Park and Recreation Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, the Environmental Policy Board and the Parks and Recreation Commission continue to be supportive of the Mayors for Monarchs program, and the EPB's 2017 work plan explicitly calls for the expansion of pollinator friendly landscapes on public lands through collaboration with the Parks & Recreation Commission, as well as to improve communications and resources regarding pollinators; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RAMSEY, ANOKA COUNTY, STATE OF MINNESOTA, as follows:**

- 1) That the Ramsey City Council hereby continues to support the Mayors for Monarchs program.

- 2) That the Ramsey City Council hereby supports an approximate 6 acre native landscape renovation along the Lake Itasca Trail, that may be referred to as the Monarch Trail.
- 3) That the Ramsey City Council hereby approves a not-to-exceed amount of \$5,000 from the Lawful Gambling Fund for the restoration project this Resolution approves.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Councilmember \_\_\_\_\_, and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:

and the following voted against the same:

None

and the following abstained:

None

and the following were absent:

None

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted by the Ramsey City Council this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2017.

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Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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City Clerk