Council Member _____ made a motion to adopt the following resolution. A vote of __ to __.

RESOLUTION PROCLAMING NO MOW MAY WITHIN THE TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN

Resolution No. R-25-15

WHEREAS, insects, especially bees, serve a significant and critical role as pollinators of plants including agricultural plants; and

WHEREAS, the ideal pollinator-friendly habitat is one comprised of mostly native wildflowers, grasses, vines, shrubs, and trees blooming in succession throughout the growing season; and

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

WHEREAS, "No Mow May" is a community science initiative that encourages property owners to limit lawn mowing practices during the month of May to provide early season foraging resources for pollinators that emerge in the spring, especially in urban landscapes when few floral resources are available; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Black Mountain Town Council 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 formative period; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Black Mountain Town Council recognizes **"No Mow May"** to actively promote and educate the community about the critical period of pollinator emergence, generation of crucial pollinator-supporting habitat and early spring foraging opportunities. The Town Council also encourages citizens to visit www.beecityusa.org/no-mow-may to learn more.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Black Mountain Town Council directs staff not to issue correction notices for long grass and weed violations for the month of May, permitting all residents to voluntarily delay lawn care until June. This would allow pollinator species to emerge and early flowering grasses and forbs to establish, which may result in groundcover exceeding established ordinance height restrictions of 12 inches, as referenced in the Town Code of Ordinances, Chapter 20, Article V, Section 20-203.

Adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Black Mountain, this 14th day of April 2025.

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C. Michael Sobol, Mayor

Attest:

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Wesley M. Barker, Town Clerk