

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE NATURAL VINELAND COMMITTEE IN ITS APPLICATION TO THE NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION FOR CERTIFICATION OF THE CITY OF VINELAND AS A COMMUNITY WILDLIFE HABITAT.

WHEREAS, the Vineland Environmental Commission has approved the formation of the Natural Vineland Committee to seek certification by the National Wildlife Federation for the City of Vineland as a Community Wildlife Habitat; and

WHEREAS, Community Wildlife Habitats garden and landscape with wildlife in mind, especially by promoting the use of native trees and plants to support birds and insect pollinator species; and

WHEREAS, through this program, our community can enhance and restore islands and corridors of wildlife habitat in both urban and suburban areas of our community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Vineland recognizes that wildlife species are declining at an unprecedented rate with more than one-third of North American wildlife species at increased risk of extinction in the coming decades; that human health ultimately depends on well-functioning ecosystems; and that biodiverse regions can better support food production, healthy soil and air quality and can foster healthy connections between humans and the natural world; and

WHEREAS, the Natural Vineland Committee has initiated an application to the National Wildlife Federation for said certification, and said certification will identify the City of Vineland as a community which supports the protection of natural areas, public spaces and residential yards with the goal of maintaining biodiverse and healthy ecosystems.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the City of Vineland, Cumberland County, New Jersey, supports the Natural Vineland Committee's application to the National Wildlife Federation's Community Wildlife Habitat Program for certification of the City of Vineland as a Community Wildlife Habitat.

Adopted:

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President of Council

ATTEST:

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Municipal Clerk