

**RESOLUTION DONATING COUNCIL DISCRETIONARY FUNDS TO BEE CITY USA,
AN AFFILIATE WITHIN THE XERCES SOCIETY BEE CITY USA AND BEE
CAMPUS USA NETWORK OF ORGANIZATIONS TO SUPPORT THEIR PROGRAMS
THAT PROMOTE POLLINATOR-FRIENDLY CITIES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500
(GENERAL FUND).**

WHEREAS, the City of Reno may donate funds in accordance with NRS 268.028, entitled “Expenditure of public money; grant of public money and donation of certain property to certain nonprofit organizations or governmental entities” when such expenditure provides a substantial benefit to the inhabitants of the City; and

WHEREAS, the mission of BEE CITY USA, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, is to galvanize communities to sustain pollinators, responsible for the reproduction of almost 90% of the world's flowering plant species, by providing them with healthy habitat, rich in a variety of native plants with a minimum of pesticides; and

WHEREAS, thanks to the more than 3,600 species of native bees in the United States, including some 1,000 species native to Nevada,¹ we have very diverse dietary choices rich in fruits, nuts, and vegetables; and

WHEREAS, bees and other pollinators have experienced population declines due to a combination of habitat loss, poor nutrition, excessive use of pesticides, parasites, diseases, and climate change; and

WHEREAS, pollinator-friendly communities can benefit local and regional economies through healthier ecosystems, increased vegetable and fruit crop yields, and increased demand for pollinator- friendly plant materials from local growers; and

WHEREAS, supporting pollinators fosters broad-based community engagement in environmental awareness and sustainability; and

WHEREAS, the City of Reno was designated as a Bee City USA affiliate in 2021; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Reno approves the donation in the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) to Bee City USA, an affiliate within the Xerces Society Bee City USA and Bee Campus USA network of organizations to support their programs that promote pollinator-friendly cities; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that should the above donation or any portion thereof not be used for the purpose as set forth in this Resolution, any unused funds shall be returned to the City of Reno.

Upon motion by Councilmember _____, and seconded by Councilmember

_____, the foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted this _____ day of _____, 2022, by the following vote of the Council:

AYES: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSTAIN: _____ ABSENT: _____

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2022.

HILLARY SCHIEVE
MAYOR

ATTEST:

MIKKI HUNTSMAN
CITY CLERK