



**PROCLAMATION**

**A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING NO MOW MAY IN VILLAGE OF JOHNSBURG**

**WHEREAS**, bees, butterflies, moths, other insects, birds, and other animals, collectively known as pollinators, are integral parts to a wide diversity of essential food production; and,

**WHEREAS**, pollinators are being threatened due to habitat loss, pesticide use, pathogens and parasites; and,

**WHEREAS**, recent research suggests that bee pollinators make use of no mow spaces as key floral resources during early spring in the Midwest of the United States; and,

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

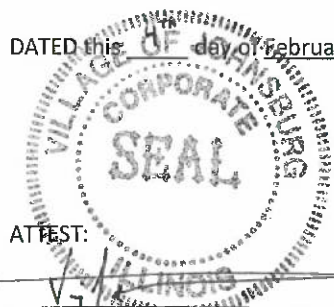
**WHEREAS**, the Village of Johnsburg would like to encourage interested residents to increase pollinator-friendly habitat by encouraging pollinator friendly lawn care practices on their own properties for the month of May during this formative period; and,

**WHEREAS**, "No Mow May" is a voluntary community initiative that encourages property owners to limit lawn mowing 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;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Village President and Village Board of Trustees recognizes No Mow May to actively promote and educate the community about the critical period of pollinator emergence and the generation of crucial pollinator supporting early spring foraging opportunities.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Village of Johnsburg Board directs staff not to issue correction notices for lawn height weed violations for the month of May on occupied properties in good standing, allowing residents to voluntarily delay lawn care until June, allowing pollinator species to emerge and early flowering grasses to establish, which may result in ground-cover exceeding established ordinance height restrictions. The Village retains the right to enforce the ordinance if a situation arises where it becomes necessary to respond.

DATED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February 2025.



Edwin P. Hettermann, Village President

ATTEST:

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Claudette Sofrakis, Village Clerk & Administrator

VINNY LANOTAGAM, VILLAGE DEPUTY CLERK & ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR