

To: **Mayor and City Council**
Through: **Nate Burkett, City Manager**
From: **Dave Schletty, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director**
Date: **May 10, 2021**

No Mow May Proclamation

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

At the April 26, 2021 City Council meeting, the idea of “No Mow May” was proposed by Council. Staff was instructed to research and create a resolution to declare May as No Mow month to protect pollinators. The idea of not mowing lawns in May was first proposed a few years ago. The idea is that not mowing lawns in May will increase pollen and other foraging resources for pollinators that are emerging from dormancy. The Environmental Committee reviewed the attached resolution, at their May 5 meeting, and encourage the City Council to approve and promote No Mow May in West St Paul. Staff will publish and promote information regarding No Mow May on the City website and social media, including signage (attached), residents participating in this inaugural program can use. City staff will not issue any correction notices for long grass or weed violations for the month of May. Residents will be required to have their lawns in compliance by June 1, 2021.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approve and proclaim May 2021 as No Mow May month in West St Paul by resolution.