



PROCLAMATION
of the **TOWN OF KNIGHTDALE**

**NATIONAL HONEY BEE
DAY CELEBRATION**

WHEREAS, National Honey Bee Day celebrates and recognizes the important contributions of honey bees and beekeepers; and

WHEREAS, this holiday is celebrated annually on the third Saturday in August; and

WHEREAS, honey bees are representative of all pollinators, who are integral to crop production worldwide and in North Carolina, directly contribute to one third of all crops grown; and

WHEREAS, farmers in the Town of Knightdale rely on crop pollination produced by honey bees and the controlled management of bees by beekeepers for economic prosperity; and

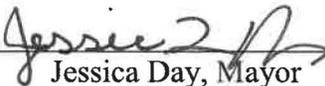
WHEREAS, honey bees are an essential part of the biosphere, and as such they contribute to the overall health of the planet, its people, and future generations; and

WHEREAS, while the threat of food insecurity is increasing throughout the country and the state, honey bees protect citizens by increasing the production and health of crops; and

WHEREAS, cultures and religions around the world revere the honey bee, such that the honey bee holds significant social value.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jessica Day, Mayor of the Town of Knightdale, do hereby proclaim August 19, 2023, as National Honey Bee Day in the Town of Knightdale and encourage all residents to protect and celebrate honey bees and other pollinators. Further, I encourage all citizens to plant native species to attract pollinators and limit their use of pesticides to promote the wellbeing of pollinators for this and all future generations.

This the 16th day of August, 2023.



Jessica Day, Mayor



Heather Smith, Town Clerk