# RESOLUTION NO. 852

**BOROUGH OF MALVERN**

**CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**A Resolution of Borough Council of the Borough of Malvern, Chester County, Pennsylvania, DeClaring THE MONTH OF MAY TO BE “NO MOW MAY”**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Malvern, Pennsylvania (“Borough”), is a municipality organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

**WHEREAS,** the Borough has previously adopted its Comprehensive Plan Update 2022 (the “Comprehensive Plan”); and

**WHEREAS,** among the goals and strategies of the Borough within the Comprehensive Plan, at Parks and Recreation Goal 6.1, Strategy 6.1-4, the Borough set forth the strategy of exploring opportunities to institute a community garden to, among other things, provide pollinator habitat; and

**WHEREAS**, pollinator populations are threatened due to habitat loss, neonicotinoid 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; and

**WHEREAS**, pollinators and ﬂoral resources have a positive relationship by which the increase in pollinators can increase the amount of ﬂora and vice versa; and

**WHEREAS**, the Malvern Borough Council (“Borough Council”) ﬁnds it is in the public interest and consistent with adopted policy for the Borough to demonstrate its commitment to a safe and healthy community environment through, among other things: (1) the implementation of initiatives that help increase the pollinator population; (2) the continuation of the Borough’s efforts to become pollinator friendly by ensuring best management practices for management of vegetation within the Borough; and (3) continuing to identify actively maintained areas that potentially may be converted back to vegetation favorable to bees and other pollinators or remain in a natural state to promote nesting areas for bees; and

**WHEREAS,** in furtherance of the aforementioned goals and strategies, Borough Council finds that it is in the public interest to declare the month of May of each year “No Mow May” to encourage interested Borough residents to refrain from mowing their lawns in the month of May and establish a registry for interested Borough residents to participate and, as to those registered Borough residents participating in this initiative, temporarily suspend enforcement of certain provisions of the Code of Ordinances of the Borough of Malvern, Pennsylvania (the “Borough Code”), relating to mowing of their property.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by Borough Council of the Borough of Malvern, Chester County, Pennsylvania, that the month of May of each year is hereby declared as “No Mow May.”

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that residents of the Borough who wish to participate in the No Mow May initiative shall register with the Borough and may refrain from mowing their lawns during May of the year of such registration.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED t**hat, as to only those residents of the Borough who are registered participants in No Mow May, the Borough shall temporarily suspend, during the month of May, the enforcement of section 302.4.1.G of the International Property Maintenance Code, 2015 Edition, as adopted by the Borough at Chapter 153 of the Borough Code.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Borough administration is directed to develop a form and registry for those residents of the Borough participating in No Mow May.

 **RESOLVED** by Borough Council of the Borough of Malvern, Chester County, Pennsylvania,

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| this 5th day of December, 2023.  |  |
| Amy Finkbiner, PhD, President |
| Approved by the Mayor, this 5th day of December, 2023. |  |
| Zeyn B. Uzman, Mayor |
| Enacted, this 5th day of December, 2023. |  |
| Tiffany M. Loomis, Secretary |

 I, Tiffany M. Loomis, Secretary of the Borough of Malvern, Chester County, Pennsylvania, hereby certify that the forgoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by a majority vote of the Borough of Malvern Council at a regular meeting held December 5, 2023, and that said Resolution has been recorded in the Minutes of the Borough of Malvern and remains in effect as of this date.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I affix my hand and attach the seal of the Borough of Malvern,

this \_\_ day of December, 2023.

[Seal of the Borough of Malvern, PA]