

**A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF LARKSPUR
DECLARING SEPTEMBER 7TH AS CALIFORNIA BIODIVERSITY DAY**

WHEREAS, the United Nations has declared that biodiversity loss, climate change, and pollution are the three major threats to global sustainability;

WHEREAS, biodiversity loss is happening at all levels, with examples including the worldwide insect apocalypse, the loss of almost one third of North America's birds since 1970, and the shrinking of local Marin populations of many plants and animals;

WHEREAS, biodiversity loss has damaging effects on ecosystem stability, food production and public health;

WHEREAS, the State of California in 2018 proclaimed September 7th California Biodiversity Day and launched the California Biodiversity Initiative;

WHEREAS, the County of Marin in 2021 recognize the importance of these actions by celebrating its own first Biodiversity Day and established the Marin Biodiversity Corridor Initiative (<https://marinbiodiversity.org>);

WHEREAS, many local efforts are underway to protect, enhance and restore populations of native species within the City of Larkspur;

WHEREAS, the City of Larkspur supports local, regional and global efforts to support biodiversity.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Larkspur officially joins in the celebration of September 7th as California Biodiversity Day and encourages all its residents and employees do all they can to support biodiversity and thus improve the well-being of humans and our environment.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Larkspur to be affixed this 7TH day of September, 2023.



GABE PAULSON, MAYOR