



City of  
**ALACHUA**  
THE GOOD LIFE COMMUNITY

## Commission Agenda Item

**MEETING DATE:** August 12, 2013

**SUBJECT:** National Honeybee Awareness Day

**AGENDA SECTION:** Special Presentations

**DEPARTMENT:** Deputy City Clerk

**PREPARED BY:** Charmagne Manning, CMC, Assistant Deputy City Clerk

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Read the Proclamation into record.

### Summary

National Honeybee Awareness Day is an event which the City has proudly supported in the past. Once again, the City has been asked to issue a proclamation of support.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Proclamation

**REVIEWED BY CITY MANAGER:**

*G. Cain*



*City of Alachua, Florida*  
Office of Mayor *Gib Coerper*

**PROCLAMATION**

*WHEREAS*, pollinator species such as birds and insects are essential partners of farmers and ranchers in producing much of our food supply; and

*WHEREAS*, pollination plays a vital role in the health of our national forests and grasslands, which provide forage, fish and wildlife, timber, water, mineral resources, and recreational opportunities as well as enhanced economic development opportunities for communities; and

*WHEREAS*, the honeybee, a well-known pollinator, is disappearing in large numbers from unknown causes, a condition referred to as Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD); and

*WHEREAS*, scientists all over the world are working hard to find a solution that will facilitate honeybee survival; and

*WHEREAS*, the Alachua County Beekeepers Club (ABC) was formed to aid in saving the honeybee and other pollinators that help us to enjoy the foods we love by pollinating flowers, nuts, vegetables and fruits.

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Gib Coerper, Mayor of the City of Alachua, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim **August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013**, as

*National Honeybee Awareness Day*

in the City of Alachua, Florida and urge everyone to join in the efforts to ensure survival of honeybees and other pollinators.

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF*, I have hereunto set my hand this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, two thousand thirteen.

ATTEST:

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Gib Coerper, Mayor