

Proclamation

Be it known that

Whereas,

Honeybees are critical to the process of pollination, with one bite of food in three benefiting directly or indirectly from honeybee pollination; they are essential for production of more than 90 food crops, and bee pollination is responsible for \$15 billion in added crop value; and,

Whereas,

The honeybee works together with other bees in the colony as a single, vibrant, living organism that helps to maintain healthy ecosystems; and,

Whereas,

Honeybees face a significant threat from colony collapse disorder, which has been linked with disease pathogens, parasites, environmental stress, loss of natural habitat, and inappropriate use of pesticides and herbicides; and,

Whereas,

The United States Department of Agriculture is working in cooperation with other Federal agencies, universities, industry, and additional partners to find ways to improve honey bee health and habitat;

Now, Therefore,

*I, Steve Adler, Mayor of the City of Austin, Texas,
do hereby proclaim*

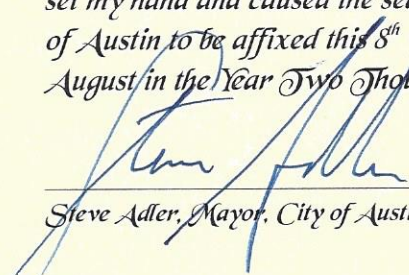
August 15, 2015

as

Honeybee Awareness Day

in Austin.

*In witness whereof, I have hereunto
set my hand and caused the seal of the City
of Austin to be affixed this 8th Day of
August in the Year Two Thousand Fifteen*


Steve Adler, Mayor, City of Austin

