

## NATIONAL POLLINATOR WEEK

- WHEREAS,** Pollination is vital to our survival and the existence of nearly all ecosystems on earth; and
- WHEREAS,** 80% of the world's crop plants depend on pollination; and
- WHEREAS,** Pollinators, almost all of which are insects, are indispensable partners for an estimated 1 out of every 3 mouthfuls of food, spices and condiments we eat, and the beverages we drink; and
- WHEREAS,** They are essential to the fibers we use, the medicines that we use, and more than half of the world's dietary fats and oils; and
- WHEREAS,** Insect pollinators, including honey bees, pollinate products amounting to \$20 billion annually in the U.S. alone; and
- WHEREAS,** One of those crops is Idaho's \$15million alfalfa seed crop that ranks second in the nation overall and first in production of dormant seed for cold climates; and
- WHEREAS,** The University of Idaho is actively engaged in research to develop pesticides that protect valuable crops without harming pollinators or other beneficial insects; and
- WHEREAS,** Citizens are encouraged to reduce pesticide use and create pollinator habitats in their yards, schools, and other nearby lands to reduce the demise of our pollinators.

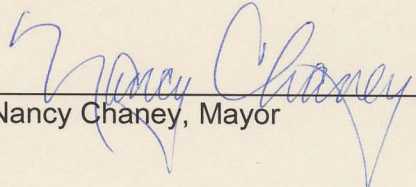
**NOW, THEREFORE;** I, Nancy Chaney, Mayor of the City of Moscow, do hereby proclaim  
June 22 – 28, 2008 as:

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in the City of Moscow and encourage citizens to avoid unnecessary use of pesticides and to nurture habitats that promote the vitality of pollinators and restoration of their populations..



DATED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2008.

  
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Nancy Chaney, Mayor