

PROCLAMATION
Honoring Mr. David Borneman
On the Occasion of His Retirement
February 25, 2022

- WHEREAS, *David Borneman has served the City of Ann Arbor well during his 28-year tenure, beginning his career as Natural Area Preservation (NAP) Coordinator in 1993 before being promoted to Manager in 2001, and then to his current position as Parks and Recreation Services Deputy Manager of Natural Areas in 2012; and*
- WHEREAS, *Mr. Borneman championed new initiatives for Natural Area Preservation, including implementing a prescribed burn program, and positioning NAP as the 2nd city in the U.S. to undertake a city-wide breeding bird survey and the first city in the U.S. to establish a frog and toad survey; and*
- WHEREAS, *Mr. Borneman was the lead author and editor for Natural Area Preservation’s first book publication “Along the Huron: The Natural Communities of the Huron River Corridor,” as well as NAP’s Native Landscaping brochures, which went on to be used or adapted by many other organizations across the Midwest; and*
- WHEREAS, *Mr. Borneman has undertaken new initiatives for the community including being a founding member of the Michigan Invasive Plant Council; a founding member of the Ann Arbor Chapter of Wild Ones, serving as its first Vice-President; and a founding member of the Southern Michigan Prescribed Fire Council, serving on the Steering Committee for 22 years, including as Chair for two terms, during which time he helped it grow into the statewide “Michigan Prescribed Fire Council”; and*
- WHEREAS, *Mr. Borneman, along with colleagues in other environmental organizations, started networking with local restorationists back in the mid-1990s, hosting a series of “Stewardship Field Days” for several years, which evolved into The Stewardship Network, where Mr. Borneman served on the Board for many years, including as Board President; and*
- WHEREAS, *Mr. Borneman represented the City while serving on many other boards including the Huron River Watershed Council, the Midwest Invasive Plant Network, and the Natural Areas Association; and*
- WHEREAS, *Mr. Borneman has been a skillful, adept, and fearless leader navigating challenges with integrity, vitality, and positivity while championing Ann Arbor’s natural areas.*

NOW THEREFORE, I, Christopher Taylor, Mayor of Ann Arbor, Michigan, do hereby recognize and thank David Borneman for his contributions and dedicated service to the City of Ann Arbor and proclaim February 25, 2022 as a day to honor him on the occasion of his retirement from the City of Ann Arbor.

I hereby set my hand and seal
This 10th day of February 2022

Christopher Taylor
Mayor of the City of Ann Arbor