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RESOLUTION 2026-04

5 **OPPOSING THE USE OF GLYPHOSATE IN BLOOMINGTON'S PUBLIC SPACES**
6 **AND ENVIRONMENTAL PRACTICES**

7 WHEREAS, the City of Bloomington has committed to enhancing environmental
8 sustainability, protecting public health, and promoting ecological resilience for its
9 residents and future generations; and

10 WHEREAS, glyphosate, a chemical herbicide commonly used in agriculture and urban
11 landscaping, has been identified as a potential carcinogen by the International
12 Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) and is classified as "likely to be
13 carcinogenic to humans" (Group 2A); and

14 WHEREAS, numerous studies have linked the use of glyphosate to various adverse
15 environmental effects, including soil degradation, loss of biodiversity, and harm to
16 pollinators, aquatic life, and other non-target organisms; and

17 WHEREAS, the widespread use of glyphosate may lead to the development of
18 herbicide-resistant weeds, necessitating even more toxic chemicals, which can
19 create a cycle of environmental harm; and

20 WHEREAS, alternative methods of pest and weed control, such as integrated pest management
21 (IPM), organic landscaping practices, and the use of native plants, offer effective,
22 sustainable, and safer solutions for maintaining healthy ecosystems and public
23 spaces; and

24 WHEREAS, neighboring municipalities and organizations around the country have
25 successfully adopted policies to reduce or eliminate the use of glyphosate in
26 public spaces, demonstrating the feasibility and effectiveness of such initiatives.

27 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BLOOMINGTON**
28 **COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCE, THAT:**

29 **SECTION 1. Opposition to Glyphosate Use**

30 The Commission formally opposes the use of glyphosate in all public spaces, city-managed
31 properties, and public right-of-ways within the City of Bloomington, and encourages the City
32 Council and other relevant entities to adopt policies that prohibit or restrict the use of glyphosate.

33 SECTION 2. Promotion of Alternatives

34 The Commission recommends the implementation of sustainable, non-toxic alternatives to
35 glyphosate, including but not limited to integrated pest management, organic landscaping, and
36 the use of native plants that require fewer chemical inputs.

37 SECTION 3. Public Education and Awareness

38 The Commission encourages the City of Bloomington to educate residents, businesses, and
39 landscapers about the risks associated with glyphosate and to promote safer, more sustainable
40 landscaping practices through workshops, public outreach, and partnerships with local
41 environmental organizations.

42 SECTION 4. Ongoing Research and Review

43 The Commission will continue to monitor new research and developments related to glyphosate
44 and other herbicides, and will periodically review and update its recommendations to ensure that
45 the City's practices align with the latest science on public health and environmental
46 sustainability.

47 SECTION 5. Transmittal

48 The Chair is directed to transmit copies of this Resolution to the Common Council, the
49 Department of Public Works, and any other relevant stakeholders for their consideration and
50 action.

51 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Bloomington Commission on Sustainability and Resilience
52 upon this ___ day of _____, 2026.

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_____, Chair

Bloomington Commission on Sustainability and
Resilience

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