

WHEREAS, pollinating animals such as bees and other insects can easily cross state borders, but they need protection as they are vital to not only the community's food supply, but also the economy; and

WHEREAS, pollinators are recognized as being a key to global sustainability; and

WHEREAS, pollination plays a critical 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, pollinator species provide significant environmental benefits that are necessary for maintaining healthy, biodiverse ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, for decades, the State of Hawai'i has managed wildlife habitats and public lands such as forests and grasslands; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i provides producers with conservation assistance to promote stewardship, including the protection and maintenance of pollinators and their habitats on working lands and wildlands;

NOW, THEREFORE I, Josh Green, M.D., Governor of the **State of Hawai'i,** do hereby proclaim June 16 to 22, 2025, as

"HAWAI'I POLLINATOR WEEK"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the importance of the interaction between plants and pollinators in our communities, ensuring a sustainable future for food and ecosystems.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this twenty-fifth day of June 2025.

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'Josh Green, M.D. Governor, State of Hawai'i