

WHEREAS, pollinating species, such as bees, beetles, butterflies, bats, and birds, provide critical ecosystem benefits that are essential to maintaining the diversity of native flowering plants and are the underpinning of biodiversity; and

WHEREAS, pollinators are vital to ecosystem health and are essential partners of farmers and ranchers in producing much of our food supply; and

WHEREAS, pollination plays a vital role in the health of our state's public and private lands by providing valuable natural resources, recreational resources, and outstanding visual beauty, and by enhancing economic development opportunities across the state; and

WHEREAS, Colorado supports high pollinator diversity with over 1000 species of native bees that are highly efficient pollinators of native and cultivated flowering plants, vegetables, and fruits; and

WHEREAS, the State of Colorado provides agricultural producers with conservation assistance to promote habitat creation and conservation, including the protection and maintenance of pollinators and their habitats on working lands and wildlands; and

WHEREAS, raising public awareness about simple actions that increase healthy habitat and the responsibility of all to protect our pollinators; and

WHEREAS, the State of Colorado has designated a pollinator highway, created a pollinator license plate, conducted a native pollinating insects study, formed a Colorado Parks and Wildlife Biodiversity Group, and has deemed invertebrates, such as native pollinators, necessary elements of healthy ecosystems;

THEREFORE, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim, June 2025, as,

COLORADO POLLINATOR MONTH

in the State of Colorado.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this first day of June, 2025



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