



By His Excellency Ned Lamont, Governor: an
Official Statement

*W*HEREAS, pollinator species such as birds and insects are essential partners of farmers and ranchers in producing much of our food supply; and

*W*HEREAS, pollination plays a vital 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

*W*HEREAS, pollinator species provide significant environmental benefits that are necessary for maintaining healthy, biodiverse ecosystems; and

*W*HEREAS, the State of Connecticut has managed wildlife habitats and public lands such as Connecticut forests and grasslands for decades; and

*W*HEREAS, the state also provides producers with conservation assistance to promote wise conservation stewardship, including the protection and maintenance of pollinators and their habitats on working lands and wildlands; now

*T*HEREFORE, I, Ned Lamont, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby officially proclaim the week of June 19 – 25, 2023, to be

**CONNECTICUT POLLINATOR
WEEK**

in the State of Connecticut.



Ned Lamont

GOVERNOR