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California Pollinator Week

California is blessed with unique topography and a wide array of diverse ecosystems. These natural settings are home to thousands of different species of pollinating animals, which are critical to the health and well-being of Californians and our varied ecosystems.

The birds, insects and other pollinators that assist plants with their reproduction are critical partners to farmers and ranchers in producing much of our food supply.

Pollinators are also vital to the health of California's 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.

Through their key role in the reproduction of 75 percent of all flowering plants, pollinators provide significant environmental benefits that help maintain healthy, biodiverse ecosystems, such as erosion control, nutrient cycling, climate regulation, disturbance regulation, water regulation, waste treatment, and other ecosystem services.

California has managed wildlife habitats and public lands such as state forests and grasslands for decades, and 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.

During California Pollinator Week, I encourage all Californians to learn about the significant environmental benefits provided by pollinator species, and their essential contribution to maintaining healthy, biodiverse ecosystems across the state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gavin Newsom", written over a horizontal line.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of the State of California