



## Proclamation

*WHEREAS, pollinators, such as bees, beetles, butterflies and birds, are vital to our ecosystem health and are essential in producing much of our food supply; and*

*WHEREAS, native pollinators, as well as honeybees and beekeepers, provide pollination services across the state, supporting our agriculture and economy, and these services provide millions of dollars to our economy; and*

*WHEREAS, pollinators provide critical ecosystem benefits that are essential to maintaining the diversity of our native flowering plants and are the underpinning of biodiversity; and*

*WHEREAS, Colorado has a high diversity of native bees that, in partnership with honey bees and beekeepers, are highly efficient pollinators of our flowers, vegetables, and fruits; and*

*WHEREAS, pollinator populations are in severe decline and require an “all hands on deck” approach to providing healthy, diverse and native habitat in the state, and raising public awareness is key to protecting pollinators; and*

*WHEREAS, the State of Colorado supports conservation measures that promote the protection and maintenance of pollinator habitats;*

*THEREFORE, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim June 2021, 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, 2021*

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jared Polis".

*Jared Polis  
Governor*