

WHEREAS, pollinators, such as bees, beetles, butterflies, moths, bats, birds and small mammals, are vital to Colorado's 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 flowering plants, vegetables, and fruits; and

WHEREAS, raising public awareness about simple actions that increase healthy habitat is key to protecting pollinators; and

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

THEREFORE, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim June 2022 as

## 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, 2022

Jared Polis Governor