



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 proclaim the week of June 21 – 27, 2021 as

POLLINATOR WEEK

in the State of Connecticut.



Ned Lamont

GOVERNOR