

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF POLLINATOR WEEK

Whereas, pollinator species such as honey bees, native bees, birds, bats, and butterflies are essential partners in producing a variety of crops grown on family farms throughout our state, ensuring that Delawareans have fresh fruits, vegetables, and nuts to support a healthy diet; and

Whereas, pollinators provide environmental benefits essential for healthy, biodiverse ecosystems across public and private lands, including agricultural lands, state forests, state parks, and open space; and

Whereas, the State of Delaware has managed wildlife habitats and public lands such as Delaware forests and grasslands for decades and is actively partnering to address the ongoing loss of farmland to development by creating pollinator mitigation sites to establish an early successional habitat for native birds, bees, butterflies, and other beneficial insects; and


Whereas, the State of Delaware provides producers with conservation assistance to promote wise conservation stewardship in which agricultural producers have installed pollinator buffers to improve water quality, increase aesthetics, reduce the need for mechanical controls, and increase bee pollination for nearby crops; and

Whereas, the Delaware Department of Agriculture developed the Delaware Managed Pollinator Protection Plan, with best management practices that beekeepers, fruit and vegetable growers, and pesticide applicators can use to help pollinators thrive and increase the quantity and quality of pollinator forage.

Now, Therefore, I, Matthew Meyer, Governor,
do hereby declare June 16 – 22, 2025, as
POLLINATOR WEEK

and call upon all Delawareans to celebrate the vital significance of pollinators and all they do to help feed our state, country, and world.




Matthew Meyer
Governor