

STATE OF DELAWARE



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

PROCLAMATION IN OBSERVANCE OF POLLINATOR WEEK

Whereas, species such as honey bees, native bees, birds, bats, and butterflies are essential partners in producing a variety of crops grown on 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, open spaces, and grasslands; and

Whereas, these lands provide forage, fish and wildlife, timber, water, mineral resources, and recreational opportunities, as well as enhanced economic development opportunities for communities throughout Delaware; and

Whereas, the Delaware Department of Agriculture developed the Delaware Managed Pollinator Protection Plan, with best management practices to help pollinators thrive and increase the quantity and quality of pollinator forage on public and private lands; and

Whereas, agricultural producers have installed pollinator buffers to improve water quality, increase aesthetics, reduce the need for mechanical controls, and enhance native and honey bee pollination for nearby crops; and

Whereas, state agencies address the ongoing loss of farmland by creating pollinator mitigation sites to establish an early successional habitat for native birds, bees, butterflies, and insects.

*Now, Therefore, We, John Carney, Governor,
and Bethany Hall-Long, Lieutenant Governor,*
do hereby declare June 20th – 26th, 2022

POLLINATOR WEEK

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



John C. Carney
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Governor

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