



State of Rhode Island
GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION
Pollinator Week

WHEREAS, pollinator species such as birds and insects are essential partners of farmers and ranchers in producing much of our food supply; and

WHEREAS, 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

WHEREAS, pollinator species provide significant environmental benefits that are necessary for maintaining healthy, biodiverse ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, the State of Rhode Island has managed wildlife habitats and public lands such as our forests and grasslands for decades; and

WHEREAS, the State of Rhode Island 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, THEREFORE, I, Gina M. Raimondo, Governor of the State of Rhode Island, do hereby proclaim June 22–28, 2020, as: *Pollinator Week* in the state and urge all citizens to recognize this observance.



Given under my hand and the great seal of the State of Rhode Island, this 21 day of June, 2020

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gina M. Raimondo".

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nellie M. Gorbea".

Nellie M. Gorbea
Secretary of State