

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**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,** South Carolina has managed wildlife habitats and public lands such as forests and grasslands for decades and 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, Henry McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 19 - 25, 2023, as**

### **SOUTH CAROLINA POLLINATOR WEEK**

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to join in recognizing the vital contributions of pollinators to agriculture and to public lands.



A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Henry McMaster'.

**HENRY McMASTER**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**