

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 Dargan McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 22 - 28, 2026, as

SOUTH CAROLINA POLLINATOR WEEK

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



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Henry D. McMaster".

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