



**STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

The Lone Star State is a land of striking contrasts and world-renowned natural beauty. The magnificence and grandeur of Texas' fields of wildflowers, stark splendor of the rugged ranch terrain, and symmetry of cultivated crops suggest the natural wonders and diverse agriculture of our great state.

The unique Texas landscape especially benefits from the work of natural pollinators, such as bees, beetles, ants, and butterflies. These insects, along with birds, bats, and small mammals, are essential partners in sustaining our food supply and ecosystems. Without these small but mighty partners, the production of many essential foods and resources would be jeopardized along with the livelihoods of many Texans. In the United States annually, products that depend on the pollination process, including food, fibers, spices, and medicines are a \$20 billion asset.

Pollinators are a key species in many ecosystems as an indispensable component to maintaining the health and biodiversity of wildlife habitats, forests and grasslands, and neighborhood gardens. In order to guarantee that these ecosystems and our economy thrive in the future, we must protect these important species.

During June, a week is dedicated to raising awareness about the importance of pollinators. Across Texas, individuals, organizations, and communities work to educate the public about the unseen but valuable work of our state's pollinators and how they contribute to the well-being of all residents of the Lone Star State.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to learn more about how pollinators maintain the food we eat and the land we love, as well as the roles they play in supporting our daily lives. By providing for the future of our state's pollinators, we can build a bright and prosperous future for Texas.


Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim June 19–25, 2023, to be

Pollinator Week



in Texas and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof,
I hereby affix my signature this the
4th day of May, 2023.


Governor of Texas