



# CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

*By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:*

## **VIRGINIA POLLINATOR WEEK**

**WHEREAS**, pollinator species including birds and insects are significant components of Virginia's natural heritage resources, providing an essential and irreplaceable ecosystem service to maintain healthy, biodiverse, and resilient natural habitats and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, pollination plays a vital role in the ecosystem health of our natural surroundings and habitats, including forests, grasslands, wetlands, and riparian areas, which provide sanctuary, clean air, and clean water for Virginia's wildlife, citizens, and visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, pollinators help to ensure the stability and vitality of natural ecosystems and are natural resources important to the forestry, agriculture, and recreational industries, all contributing to sustainable economic development opportunities for Virginia communities; and


**WHEREAS**, pollination is relied upon by Virginia's farmers and ranchers who do yeoman's work to produce a fresh and nutritious food supply for our Commonwealth and beyond; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commonwealth of Virginia provides producers with conservation assistance to promote wise resource conservation and responsible stewardship, including the protection and management of pollinators and their habitat on working lands and surrounding natural areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commonwealth of Virginia provides support to citizens, private landowners, land managers, and private sector industry, to encourage, inform, and guide decisions for plantings of native pollinator-friendly species through efforts such as the Department of Conservation and Recreation's Virginia Native Plant Finder and Virginia Pollinator-Smart Program;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Glenn Youngkin, do hereby recognize June 19-25, 2023, as **VIRGINIA POLLINATOR WEEK** in the COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, and I call this observance to the attention of our citizens.



  
Governor

  
Secretary of the Commonwealth