

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Washington state has over 600 species of bees, 150 species of butterflies, more than 1,000 species of moths, 4 species of hummingbirds and numerous wasp, fly and beetle pollinators; and

WHEREAS, pollinator species provide significant environmental benefits that are necessary for maintaining healthy, biodiverse ecosystems and play a critical role in the production of healthy crops for food, fiber and other agricultural uses; and

WHEREAS, the loss of habitat is the number one cause for pollinator decline and Washington state manages wildlife habitats and public lands to support healthy pollinator populations; and

WHEREAS, the state of Washington provides agricultural producers with conservation support to promote wise conservation stewardship, including the protection and maintenance of pollinator habitats on working lands and wildlands; and

WHEREAS, forage for pollinators can be implemented in many different types of landscape around our homes, including bee lawns, herb gardens, food gardens, permaculture, and both formal and naturalized designs, which can be less expensive to maintain than traditional lawns; and

WHEREAS, Washingtonians are encouraged to learn more about the critical economic and environmental contributions of pollinators;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Ferguson, governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim June 22-28, 2026, as

Pollinator Week

in Washington, and I encourage all residents to recognize the importance of pollinators and participate in activities that support habitat restoration, biodiversity conservation and sustainable environmental stewardship.



Signed this 17th day of June, 2026

Bob Ferguson

Governor Bob Ferguson