

# The State of Washington



## 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, wildlife, timber, water, mineral resources, and recreational opportunities, as well as enhanced economic development opportunities for Washington's communities; and

**WHEREAS**, pollinator species provide significant environmental benefits necessary for maintaining healthy, biodiverse ecosystems; and

**WHEREAS**, the state of Washington has managed wildlife habitats and public lands, such as our forests and grasslands, for decades; and

**WHEREAS**, the state of Washington 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, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim the week of June 19-25, 2023, as

### *Pollinator Week*

in Washington, and I encourage all people in our state to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2023

Governor Jay Inslee

