

# Proclamation

## by Governor Jim Justice

- 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,** the State of West Virginia has managed wildlife habitats and public lands such as West Virginia forests and grasslands for decades; and
- Whereas,** the State of West Virginia 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,** Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *June 22-28, 2020* as:


### *West Virginia Pollinator Week*

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance.


**In Witness Whereof,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

**Done** at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Twentieth day of May, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty, and in the One Hundred Fifty-Seventh year of the State.



  
Jim Justice  
Governor

*By the Governor:*

  
Mac Warner  
Secretary of State