



By His Excellency Ned Lamont, Governor: an

# Official Statement

*W*HEREAS, pollinator species, including birds, mammals, and insects, are essential partners of farmers and ranchers in producing much of our food supply; and

*W*HEREAS, 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 in addition to enhanced economic development opportunities for communities; and

*W*HEREAS, pollinator species provide significant environmental benefits that are necessary for maintaining healthy, bio-diverse ecosystems; and

*W*HEREAS, the State of Connecticut is home to at least 326 documented species of wild bees in addition to the domesticated honey bee; and

*W*HEREAS, the State of Connecticut provides assistance to beekeepers throughout the state through the work of the State Apiary Inspector, as well as providing research on both domesticated honey bees and wild bees at the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station and the University of Connecticut; and

*W*HEREAS, the State of Connecticut has managed wildlife habitats and public lands, such as State forests and grasslands, for decades; and

*W*HEREAS, the State of Connecticut provides producers with conservation assistance to promote wise conservation stewardship, including the protection and maintenance of pollinators and their habitats on working lands and wild lands; now

*T*HEREFORE, I, Ned Lamont, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby proclaim the week of June 17 – 23, 2019 as

**POLLINATOR WEEK**  
in the State of Connecticut.



  
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