

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



## A 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 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 Commonwealth of Massachusetts has managed wildlife habitats and public lands such as forests and grasslands for decades; and*

*Whereas, The Commonwealth of Massachusetts 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, Charles D. Baker, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim June 22<sup>nd</sup> to the 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020, to be,*

## MASSACHUSETTS POLLINATOR WEEK

*And urge all the citizens of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.*

*Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this first day of June, in the year two thousand and twenty, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-third.*

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

Handwritten signature of Charles D. Baker in black ink.

CHARLES D. BAKER  
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Handwritten signature of Maryn E. Polito in black ink.

MARYN E. POLITO  
LT. GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Handwritten signature of William Francis Galvin in black ink.

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN  
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

*God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts*