

## STATE OF TEXAS OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Pollinator species such as birds and insects are essential partners of farmers and ranchers in producing much of our food supply.

Pollination plays a vital role in the health of our national and state forests as well as grasslands, which both provide timber, water, mineral resources, recreational opportunities, and enhanced economic development prospects for communities across Texas.

Pollinator species provide significant environmental benefits that are essential to maintaining healthy, biodiverse ecosystems, and the State of Texas has managed wildlife habitats and public lands such as state forests and grasslands for decades.

The Lone Star State provides producers with conservation assistance to promote stewardship, including the protection and maintenance of pollinators and their habitats on working lands and wildlands.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to learn more about the critical roles pollinators play in relation to the wellbeing of the land we love as well as our daily lives. By supporting the future of this state's many important pollinators, we can help build a better future for Texas.

Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim June 17–23, 2019, to be

**Pollinator Week** 

in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2019.

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Governor of Texas