

The State of Maryland

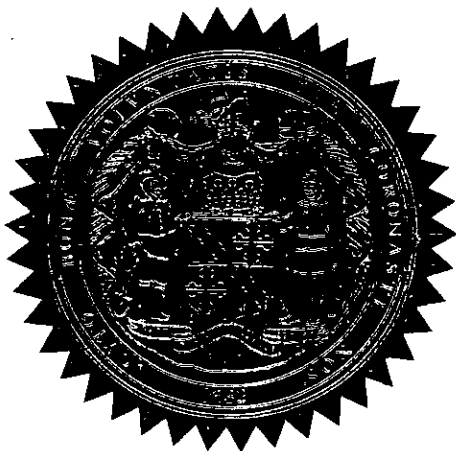


Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland
MARYLAND POLLINATOR WEEK
JUNE 21 - 27, 2010

- WHEREAS,** *Pollinating 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 environment benefits that are necessary for maintaining healthy, biodiverse ecosystems; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The State of Maryland has managed wildlife habitats and public lands such as Maryland's forests and grasslands for decades; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The State of Maryland 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, MARTIN O'MALLEY, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim JUNE 21 - 27, 2010, as MARYLAND POLLINATOR WEEK in Maryland and call upon the people of our state to join in supporting this observance.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,
this 21st day of June
Two Thousand and ten

Martin O'Malley
Governor
Robert Ehrlich
Lt. Governor
Joe C. Miller
Secretary of State