

Proclamation

WHEREAS, pollinator species, such as birds and insects, are essential partners to Colorado farmers and ranchers in producing much of our food supply; and

WHEREAS, pollination plays a critical role in the health of our state's forests and grasslands, which provide forage, fish and wildlife, timber, water, mineral resources, and recreational opportunities, as well as enhanced economic development opportunities for local communities; and

WHEREAS, pollinator species provide significant environmental benefits that are necessary for maintaining healthy, biodiverse ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, Colorado has managed wildlife habitats and public lands for decades; and

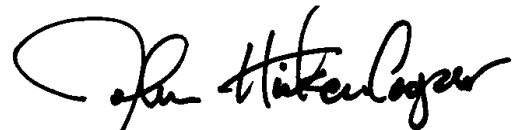
WHEREAS, Colorado provides producers with conservation assistance to promote conservation stewardship, including the protection and maintenance of pollinators and their habitats on working lands and wildlands;

Therefore, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the entire State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim, forever after, the period between June 15, 2015 and June 19, 2015, as

POLLINATOR WEEK

in the State of Colorado.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this fifteenth day of June, 2015


John W. Hickenlooper
Governor

