



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION
Pollinator Week

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, Rhode Island has managed wildlife habitats and public lands such as forests and grasslands for decades; and

WHEREAS, Rhode Island 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; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gina M. Raimondo, Governor of the State of Rhode Island, do hereby proclaim June 15 – 21, 2015 as: *Pollinator Week* in the state and encourage all residents to recognize the importance of this week.



Given under my hand and the great
seal of the State of Rhode Island
and Providence Plantations,
this 10 day of June, 2015

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Nellie M. Gorbea
Secretary of State