



STATE OF TEXAS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Few things in life are as beautiful as a field of native Texas wildflowers. And you can thank a bee for that — or a hummingbird, or even a bat.

Pollinators come in all shapes and sizes. While the iconic honeybee is the most well-known, moths, wasps, beetles, butterflies and birds share the load of spreading the pollen that helps plants grow healthy and strong. These creatures help maintain a beautiful and healthy ecosystem.

Pollinators also add billions of dollars annually to the value of crops grown in the United States, many of which sprout from Texas soil, and encourage tourism of Texas' striking natural landscapes.

Each June, a week is dedicated to raising awareness of the importance of these often overlooked animals and insects.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to make their own gardens, farms and ranches friendlier to these beneficial creatures.


Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim June 15–21, 2015, to be

## Pollinator Week



in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof,  
I hereby affix my signature this the  
18<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2015.

  
Governor of Texas