



**STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

Little in life is 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, ranging far from the iconic honeybee: moths, wasps, beetles and butterflies share the load of spreading the pollen that helps flora grow healthy and strong.

And the benefits are not just aesthetic. Pollinators add billions of dollars annually to the value of crops grown in the United States, many of which sprout from Texas soil.

A week has been designated to promote awareness of these often-overlooked and sometimes fragile animals and insects. All Texans should take steps to make their own gardens, farms and ranches friendlier to these beneficial creatures.

Therefore, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim June 21-27, 2010,

Pollinator Week

in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof,
I hereby affix my signature this the
17th day of May, 2010.

