

The State of Washington



Proclamation

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, the state of Washington has managed wildlife habitats and public lands such as our forests and grasslands for decades; and

WHEREAS, the state of Washington 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, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim the week of June 15-21, 2015 as

Pollinator Week

in Washington, and I urge all people in our state to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 15th day of May, 2015

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jay Inslee".

Governor Jay Inslee

