

Proclamation

by Governor Earl Ray Tomblin

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 West Virginia 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, Be it Resolved that I, Earl Ray Tomblin, Governor of the State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *June 15-21, 2015* as:

National Pollinators Week

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to acknowledge the importance of pollinating animals.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Seventh day of May, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Fifteen, and in the One Hundred Fifty-Second year of the State.



Earl Ray Tomblin
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Governor

By the Governor:

Natalie E. Tennant
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Secretary of State