



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
GUBERNATORIAL 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, bio-diverse ecosystems; and

Whereas, the State of Rhode Island has managed wildlife habitats and public lands such as state forests and grasslands for decades; and

Whereas, the State of 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, DONALD L. CARCIERI, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM,

June 22 - 28, 2009

as

Pollinator Week

in the State of Rhode Island and encourage all of its citizens to join in recognizing the importance of this week.

In recognition whereof, I have hereby set my hand and caused the Seal of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations to be hereunto affixed this 22nd day of June 2009.



Donald L. Carcieri
Governor

A. Ralph Mollis
Secretary of State