

State of Maine



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 United States Department of Agriculture has managed wildlife habitats and public lands such as national forests and grasslands for decades; and

WHEREAS, the US Department of Agriculture 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; and

WHEREAS, more than 1,000 bumble bee colonies are used annually to pollinate Maine's greenhouse tomato and blueberry crops; and

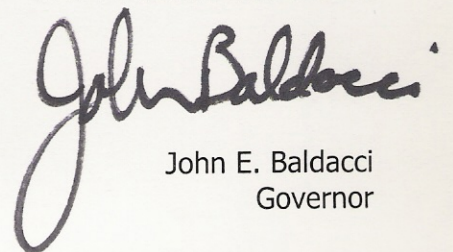
WHEREAS, the honey bee is the Maine State Insect and approximately 60,000 honey bee hives are used each spring to pollinate Maine's blueberry and apple crops,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN E. BALDACCI, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim the week of June 24 - 30, 2007 as

POLLINATOR WEEK

throughout the State of Maine, and urge all citizens to recognize this observance.

In testimony whereof, I have caused
the Great Seal of the State to be
hereunto affixed GIVEN under my hand
at Augusta this twenty-fourth day of January
Two Thousand and Seven.



John E. Baldacci
Governor

