

## 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 grow in Texas soil.

This often-overlooked group of animals at times has proven fragile. All Texans should take steps to make their own gardens, farms and ranches friendlier to these beneficial animals.

Therefore, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim June 22-28, 2008,

## **Pollinator Week**



in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2008.

