

STATE OF VERMONT
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
A PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, pollinator species such as birds and insects are essential partners of farmers in producing much of our food supply; and
- WHEREAS, pollination plays a vital role in the health of our nation's forests and grasslands, which provide forage, 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, Vermont has managed wildlife habitats and public lands through 52 State Parks, 36 State Forests and 85 Wildlife Management Areas for decades; and
- WHEREAS, Vermont 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, James H. Douglas, Governor, do hereby proclaim **June 22-28, 2008** as

POLLINATOR WEEK

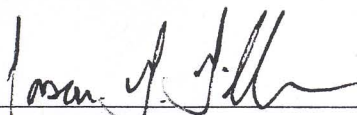
in Vermont and urge all citizens to recognize this observance.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont this 20th day of June, A.D. 2008.



James H. Douglas
Governor

By the Governor:



Jason G. Gibbs
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs