



CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:

VIRGINIA POLLINATOR WEEK

WHEREAS, pollinating animals are vital to our Commonwealth's food supply and help ensure the sustainability of our state's ecosystem; and

WHEREAS, pollinators are critical components of Virginia's ecosystems as they support terrestrial wildlife as well as provide significant benefits to Virginia major agricultural commodities such as milk and other dairy products; and

WHEREAS, as a part of Virginia's commitment to environmental conservation and stewardship, it is important to maintain a strong focus on conservation assistance as such efforts help to protect and preserve pollinators and their habitats on both working lands and in the wild; and

WHEREAS, our ecosystem in Virginia is fragile, and pollinator species provide tremendous environmental benefits that are necessary for maintaining healthy ecosystems;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Timothy M. Kaine, do hereby recognize June 22-28, 2008, as **VIRGINIA POLLINATOR WEEK** in the **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tim Kaine", written over a horizontal line.

Governor