



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:

POLLINATOR WEEK

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, our Commonwealth of Virginia has managed wildlife habitats and public lands such as Virginia forests and grasslands for decades; and

WHEREAS, our Commonwealth of Virginia 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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert F. McDonnell, do hereby recognize June 17-23, 2013 as **POLLINATOR WEEK** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



Handwritten signature of Robert F. McDonnell in black ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Janet Vestal Kelly in black ink.

Secretary of the Commonwealth

