



STATE OF TEXAS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

The diverse and breathtaking Texas landscapes are overflowing with iconic species. Our magnificent wildflowers, unique tree species, and cultivated crops thrive due to the population of natural pollinators—from insects and birds to bats and small mammals—that are essential to our flora, fauna, and food supply.

Pollen is essential for maintaining the growth of various native wildflowers, like the bluebonnet, and agricultural products, like cotton and melons, that are true to Texas. As keystone species, pollinators also provide important food and shelter resources for wildlife, including birds, reptiles, and mammals, found across the state.

Since pollinators are an indispensable component to the health and biodiversity of wildlife habitats, state and national parks, and gardens statewide, they must be protected so that our environment and economy can continue to thrive.

The tourism and agricultural industries, along with our state and national parks in Texas, heavily rely on pollinators, including the estimated 1,000 or more bee species in our state. Without pollinators, Texas would not only suffer economic consequences, but the ecosystem would change drastically. The protection of pollinators is essential to state wildlife since they serve the overall well-being of Texas' environment.

Each year, a week in June is set aside to recognize the importance of pollinators in the Lone Star State. Throughout Texas, individuals, organizations, and communities work to educate the public about the unseen yet valuable work and impact of our pollinators.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to learn more about how pollinators contribute to the native plants, agriculture, and wildlife that we enjoy across our great state and to learn the different ways you can care for pollinator species in your own backyard.

Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim June 22 – 28, 2026, to be

## Pollinator Week



in Texas and urge all Texans to observe the occasion with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto affixed my signature this the 7th day of May, 2026.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Abbott".  
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Governor of Texas