



Proclamation

WHEREAS, pollinator species such as bees, beetles, and birds are vital to Colorado's ecosystem health and 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 state's lands by providing valuable resources, recreational resources and visual beauty, and by sustaining wildlife as well as by enhancing economic development opportunities for communities; and

WHEREAS, Colorado has over 1000 species of native bees that are highly efficient pollinators of our flowering plants, vegetables, and fruits; and

WHEREAS, pollinators provide critical ecosystem benefits that are essential to maintaining the diversity of our native flowering plants and are the underpinning of biodiversity; and

WHEREAS, the State of Colorado provides producers with conservation assistance to promote habitat creation and conservation, including the protection and maintenance of pollinators and their habitats on working lands and wildlands; and

WHEREAS, it is vital to raise public awareness about simple actions that increase healthy habitat and highlight the responsibility of all to protect our pollinators; and

WHEREAS, the State of Colorado has designated a pollinator highway, created a pollinator license plate, conducted a native pollinating insects study, and has deemed invertebrates, such as native pollinators, necessary elements of healthy ecosystems;

THEREFORE, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2024, as

POLLINATOR MONTH

in the State of Colorado.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this first day of June, 2024



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jared Polis".

*Jared Polis
Governor*