

## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

## PROCLAMATION IN OBSERVANCE OF 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 development opportunities for communities; and

Whereas, pollinator species provide significant environmental benefits that are necessary for maintaining healthy, biodiverse ecosystems; and

Whereas, the State of Delaware has managed wildlife habitats and public lands such as Delaware forests and grasslands for decades; and

Whereas, the State of Delaware 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

Whereas, the Delaware Department of Agriculture developed the Delaware Managed Pollinator Protection Plan, with best management practices that beekeepers, fruit and vegetable growers, and pesticide applicators can use to help pollinators thrive and increase the quantity and quality of pollinator forage on public and private lands.

Now, Therefore, We, John Carney, Governor, and Bethany Hall-Long, Lieutenant Governor, do hereby declare June 17th – 23rd, 2024

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in the State of Delaware, and urge all citizens to recognize the important role of pollinator species and conservation efforts to ensure their protection.

OF THE GOLDING.

John C. Carney

Bethany Han-Long
Lieutenant Governor

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