

# STATE OF DELAWARE



## 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 economic development opportunities for communities; and

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

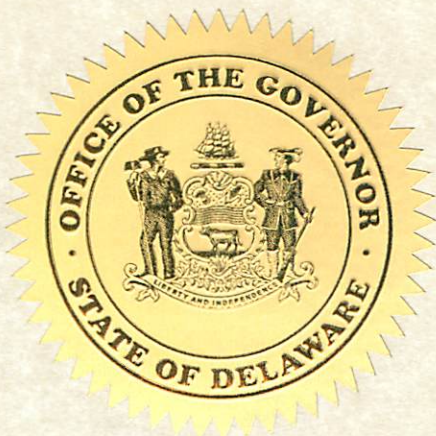
*Whereas*, the State of Delaware has managed wildlife habitats and public lands such as Delaware forests and grasslands for decades; and

*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.

*Now, Therefore, We, John Carney, Governor,  
and Bethany Hall-Long, Lieutenant Governor,  
do hereby declare June 19<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023*

### *POLLINATOR WEEK*

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



*John C. Carney*  
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Governor

*Bethany A. Hall-Long*  
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Bethany Hall-Long  
Lieutenant Governor