

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



## *A Proclamation*

*Whereas, Pollinator species such as birds and insects are essential partners of farmers in producing much of our food supply; and*

*Whereas, Pollination plays a vital role in the health of our forests and meadows, which provide forage, fish and wildlife, timber, water, 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 Massachusetts has managed wildlife habitats and public lands such as State forests and meadows for decades; and*

*Whereas, The State of Massachusetts 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 State of Massachusetts helps assist in the sustainability of honey bee health in Massachusetts; and*

*Whereas, Everyone has a role to play in expanding and protecting native habitat for pollinators by joining the Commonwealth's Growing Wild Movement,*

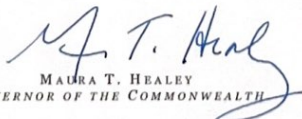
*Now, Therefore, I, Maura T. Healey, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim June 17<sup>th</sup> through 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, to be,*

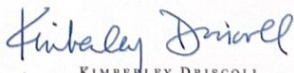
## **MASSACHUSETTS POLLINATOR WEEK**

*And urge all the residents of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.*

*Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this first day of June, in the year two thousand and twenty-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-seventh.*

BY HER EXCELLENCY

  
MAURA T. HEALEY  
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

  
KIMBELLEY DRISCOLL  
LT. GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

  
WILLIAM FRANCIS GAVIN  
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

*God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts*