

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA



PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's agriculture sector contributes \$132 billion annually to our Commonwealth's economy and supports more than 580,000 jobs; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's farms and businesses lead the way in the production of agricultural commodities, including pumpkins, apples, grapes, peaches, pears, and honey; and

WHEREAS, food, spices, and medicine depend on honey bees, monarch butterflies, and other insects and animals that pollinate plants throughout our communities; and

WHEREAS, loss of habitat, chemical misuse, and invasive plant and animal species decrease the amount of pollinators throughout Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, declines in pollinator populations threaten the production of commercial crops and a wide range of flowering plants, including rare and endangered species; and

WHEREAS, pollinator species provide significant environmental benefits that are necessary for maintaining a healthy and bio-diverse ecosystem, whether in working lands or natural areas; and

WHEREAS, our Commonwealth promotes conservation and stewardship through protecting pollinators, maintaining their habitats, and enhancing public understanding through education and outreach programs.

THEREFORE, I, Josh Shapiro, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim June 17-23, 2024, as

PENNSYLVANIA POLLINATOR WEEK

and encourage all Pennsylvanians to protect and support pollinator habitats to ensure the continuation of species that are essential for our habitats, economy, and lives.



GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, on this seventh day of June two thousand twenty-four, the year of the Commonwealth the two hundred forty-eighth.

Governor Josh Shapiro