



Spencer J. Cox
Governor

Declaration

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

Whereas, the majority of pollinator species are wild, with more than 900 species of native bees in the state of Utah;

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;

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

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

Whereas, the state of Utah 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, I, Spencer J. Cox, governor of the state of Utah, do hereby declare the week of June 19-25, 2023, as

Utah Pollinator Week

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