



State of Rhode Island  
GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

**Rhode Island 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 Rhode Island has managed wildlife habitats and public lands such as State forests and grasslands for decades; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Rhode Island 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, Daniel J. McKee**, Governor of the State of Rhode Island, do hereby proclaim the week of June 20-26, 2022 as to be *Rhode Island Pollinator Week* in the State of Rhode Island, and urge all citizens to recognize this observance.



Given under my hand and the great seal of the State of Rhode Island, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021.

**Daniel J. McKee**  
Governor

**Nellie M. Gorbea**  
Secretary of State