



STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Texas is proud to showcase striking contrasts of our state's natural beauty. The magnificence of fields of wildflowers, the starkness of rugged ranch terrain, and the symmetry of cultivated crops provide a feast for the eyes throughout our great state.

These diverse landscapes are made possible by the work of natural pollinators such as bees, beetles, ants, and butterflies. Such insects, along with birds, bats, and small mammals, are essential to our flora, fauna, and food supply. Small in size but mighty in impact, pollinators are an ecological catalyst, supporting approximately \$20 billion worth of products, including food, fibers, spices, and medicines.

Pollinators are an indispensable component to the health and biodiversity of wildlife habitats, state and national parks, and gardens statewide. These important species must be protected so that our environment and economy can continue to thrive.

Each year, a week in June is set aside to recognize the importance of pollinators in the Lone Star State. Throughout Texas, individuals, organizations, and communities work to educate the public about the unseen yet valuable work of our state's pollinators and how they contribute to our state.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to learn more about how pollinators maintain the food we eat and the land we love and about the role they play in supporting our daily lives.

Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim June 17 – 23, 2024, to be

Pollinator Week



in Texas and urge all Texans to observe the occasion with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto affixed my signature this the 3rd day of May, 2024.


Governor of Texas