

STATE OF ALASKA



Executive Proclamation by Governor Bill Walker

WHEREAS, Alaska has an abundance of plant, insect, and animal species that enhance the natural beauty of our state and contribute to the health of our ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, pollination plays a dynamic and vital role in the health of our forests, grasslands, and other unique bionetworks, which provide forage, fish, wildlife, timber, water, mineral resources, and recreational opportunities, as well as enhance economic development opportunities for individuals and communities; and

WHEREAS, pollinator species such as butterflies, birds, bats, bees, beetles, and other insects are essential partners for farmers and ranchers, ensuring full harvests of the crops that produce much of our nation's food supply; and

WHEREAS, in recent years pollinator populations have declined noticeably, which may be due to factors such as pests, pathogens, viruses, poor nutrition, pesticide exposure, bee management practices, and lack of genetic diversity; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska is mandated by the Alaska Constitution to manage wildlife habitats and public lands such as forests and grasslands, and our resource agencies have successfully managed these public resources for decades; and

WHEREAS, Pollinator Week provides an opportunity to raise awareness of the importance of pollination for the wellbeing of our ecosystem and food sources.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Walker, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ALASKA, do hereby proclaim June 18-24, 2018 as:

Pollinator Week

in Alaska, and encourage all Alaskans to recognize and learn more about the important role native pollinators play in maintaining the health of our ecosystems, and consider planting flowers, trees, and other plants on their property to supply pollinators with nectar, pollen, and habitat.

Dated: June 7, 2018



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Walker".

*Bill Walker, Governor
who has also authorized the
seal of the State of Alaska to
be affixed to this proclamation.*