



## Proclamation

*WHEREAS, pollinators, such as bees, butterflies, and birds, are vital to our ecosystem health and are essential in producing much of our food supply; and*

*WHEREAS, native pollinators, as well as honeybees and beekeepers, provide pollination services across the state, supporting our agriculture and economy, and these services provide millions of dollars to our economy; and*

*WHEREAS, pollinators provide significant ecosystem benefits that are essential to maintaining the diversity of our native flowering plants; and*

*WHEREAS, pollinators play a vital role in the health of our national forests and grasslands, which provide forage, fish, wildlife, timber, water, mineral resources, and recreational opportunities, in addition to enhanced economic development opportunities for communities; and*

*WHEREAS, Colorado has a high diversity of native bees that, in partnership with honey bees and beekeepers, are highly efficient pollinators of our flowers, vegetables, and fruits; and*

*WHEREAS, pollinator populations are in decline and require a comprehensive approach to providing healthy diverse habitat in the state, and raising public awareness is key to protecting pollinators; and*

*WHEREAS, Coloradans support conservation measures that promote the protection and maintenance of pollinator habitats;*

*Therefore, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim, June 2018, as*

### *POLLINATOR MONTH*

*in the State of Colorado.*

*GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this first day of June, 2018*



*John W. Hickenlooper*  
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Governor