

State of Maine



**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 Maine has managed wildlife habitats and public lands for decades; and

**WHEREAS**, The State of Maine 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, GOVERNOR LEPAGE**, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim the week of June 18-24, 2018 as

**MAINE POLLINATOR WEEK**

throughout the State of Maine, and urge all citizens to recognize this observance.



In testimony whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed GIVEN under my hand at Augusta this twenty-seventh day of March Two Thousand Eighteen

*Paul R. LePage*  
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Governor

*Matthew Dunlap*  
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Secretary of State  
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