

A Proclamation

Whereas, Over 45% of agricultural commodities in Massachusetts rely on pollinators species such as bees and other insects for crop pollination and food production; and

Whereas, There are approximately 4,500 honey beekeepers managing approximately 45,000 hives across the Commonwealth; and

Whereas, Pollinator species produce valuable products including honey, propolis, royal jelly and wax; and

Whereas, The Commonwealth manages an apiary program that provides assistance to beekeepers to help them protect and maintain pollinators and their habitats,

Now, Therefore, I, Charles D. Baker, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim the week of June 18th to the 24th, 2018, to be,

MASSACHUSETTS POLLINATOR WEEK

And urge all the citizens of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this first day of June, in the year two thousand and eighteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-first.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

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