



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
GOVERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION  
**Pollinator Week**

**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 Rhode Island has managed wildlife habitats and public lands such as our forests and grasslands for decades; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Rhode Island 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, Gina M. Raimondo**, Governor of the State of Rhode Island, do hereby proclaim June 18–24, 2018, as: *Pollinator Week* in the state and urge all citizens to recognize this observance.



Given under my hand and the great seal of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, this 25 day of May, 2018

Gina M. Raimondo  
Governor

Nellie M. Gorbea  
Secretary of State