

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

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 health, biodiverse ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, the state of Vermont has managed its wildlife habitats and public lands for decades; and

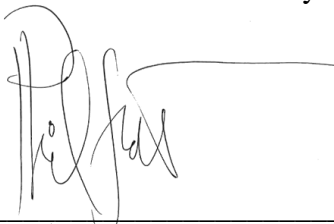
WHEREAS, the state of Vermont provides producers with conservation assistance to promote wise conservation stewardship, including the protection and maintenance of pollinators and their habitats on working lands and wildlands; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim June 19-25, 2017 as

POLLINATOR WEEK

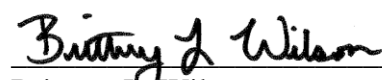
in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 16th day of June, A.D. 2017.



Philip B. Scott
Governor




Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs