

**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 necessary for maintaining healthy, biodiverse ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, Vermont has managed wildlife habitats and public lands such as Vermont forests and grasslands for decades; and

WHEREAS, 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.

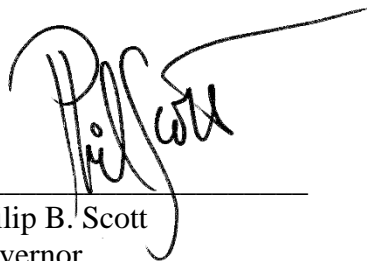
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim June 17-23, 2019 as

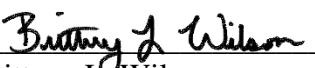
POLLINATOR WEEK

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 12th day of May, A.D. 2019.




Philip B. Scott
Governor


Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs