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 20-26, 2022 as

POLLINATOR WEEK

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of

Vermont on this 20th day of June, A.D. 2022.

Philip B. Scott Governor

Brittney Wilson

Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs