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 healthy, biodiverse ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, the State of Vermont has managed wildlife habitats and public lands such as Vermont

forests and grasslands 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim the June 17 – 23, 2024, as

POLLINATOR WEEK

in Vermont.

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

Wermon on this 13th day of June, A.D. 2024.

Philip B. Scot

Governor

Brittney **W**ilson

Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs