

Proclamation In Recognition of

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 Hawai'i has managed wildlife habitats and public lands, such as forests and grasslands, for decades; and

WHEREAS, the State of Hawai'i 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;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim June 15 - 21, 2015 as

"POLLINATOR WEEK"

in Hawai'i and encourage the citizens of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing this observance.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this twenty-first day of May 2015.

Governor, State of Hawai'i

SHAN S. TSUTSUI

Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i