



Proclamation

In Recognition of

National Pollinator Week

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 our communities; and

WHEREAS, pollinator species are essential partners of farmers and ranchers in producing much of our food supply; and

WHEREAS, about 200,000 pollinator species are beneficial insects such as flies, beetles, wasps, ants, butterflies, moths and bees, and about 1,000 of all pollinators are vertebrates such as birds, bats and small mammals; and

WHEREAS, nearly \$20 billion worth of products in the United States are produced annually by pollination, and an estimated 1/3 of all foods and beverages is delivered by pollinators; and

WHEREAS, about 75% of all flowering plant species need the help of animals to move their heavy pollen grains from plant to plant for fertilization; and

WHEREAS, pollinator species provide significant environmental benefits that are necessary for maintaining healthy, biodiverse ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, the State of Hawai'i will continue to provide conservation assistance to promote stewardship and sustainability, including the protection and maintenance of pollinators and their habitats on working lands and wildlands;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, DOUGLAS S. CHIN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim June 18 – June 24, 2018 as

“HAWAI'I POLLINATOR WEEK”

and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the importance of pollinators in our ecosystem and help to protect pollinators and maintain their habitats to ensure healthy ecosystems and food security.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this seventh day of May 2018.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

DOUGLAS S. CHIN
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i