

## 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 Hawai'i has managed wildlife habitats in state 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; and

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor** of the **State of Hawai'i,** do hereby proclaim June 21–27, 2021 as

## "HAWAI'I POLLINATOR WEEK"

and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in recognizing the importance of pollinator species, protection of pollinators, and maintenance of their habitats to ensure healthy ecosystems and food security.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-ninth day of April 2021.

Governor, State of Hawai'i