



Gary Richard Herbert

Governor

Declaration

Whereas, pollinator species, such as birds and insects, are essential partners with farmers and ranchers in producing much of our food supply and contributing to our multimillion dollar agricultural industry;

Whereas, pollination also plays a vital role in sustaining healthy, bio-diverse ecosystems in our public lands, national forests, and grasslands, which provide forage, fish and wildlife, timber, water, mineral resources, and recreational opportunities, as well as economic development opportunities for communities;

Whereas, the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food, Utah Department of Natural Resources, Utah State University, Pollinator Partnership, and other organizations provide food producers and bee keepers with wildlife and nature conservation assistance to help promote wise conservation stewardships, including the protection and maintenance of pollinators and their habitats on cultivated lands and wildlands; and

Whereas, we encourage collaborative efforts to protect native Utah pollinator species through habitat conservation, public education about pollinator-friendly rural and urban landscapes, and research;

*Now, therefore, I, Gary R. Herbert, Governor of the State of Utah, do hereby declare
June 20-26, 2016, as*

Pollinator Week in Utah

Gary R. Herbert
Governor