



Proclamation

In Recognition of

Hawai'i Pollinator Week

WHEREAS, to address the urgent issue of declining pollinator species, the U.S. Department of the Interior and the United States Department of Agriculture first designated Pollinator Week in June 2007; and

WHEREAS, pollinator species in Hawai'i include bees, butterflies, moths, beetles, flies, birds, and bats, all of which are essential partners to farmers and ranchers in the improvement of fruit sets and quality as well as fruit size; and

WHEREAS, pollination plays a vital role in the health of our national and state forests, 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, local crops such as avocados, coffee, guava, macadamia nuts and watermelon rely on honey bees and native bees for pollination; and

WHEREAS, pollinators in our islands are currently being threatened by habitat loss, disease, excessive and inappropriate use of pesticides; 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 Hawai'i forests 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 the week of June 19 - 25, 2017 as

“HAWAI'I POLLINATOR WEEK”

in Hawai'i and urge all citizens to recognize the contributions that Hawai'i's pollinators make in maintaining the health of our fragile native ecosystem and to do our part in cultivating a pollinator friendly environment and help maintain a sustainable Hawai'i for future generations.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this nineteenth day of May 2017.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i



SHAN S. TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i