

# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, pollination plays a vital role in the health of our nation's forests and grasslands, which provide forage, fish, 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 and are critical in producing much of our food supply; and

**WHEREAS**, insects such as flies, beetles, wasps, ants, butterflies, moths and bees are among the 200,000 pollinator species, 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 one-third of all foods and beverages come from sources that require pollination; and

**WHEREAS**, about 75 percent of all flowering plant species need the help of pollinators 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

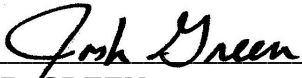
**WHEREAS**, the State of Hawai'i will continue to provide conservation assistance to promote stewardship and sustainability, including the protection and maintenance of pollinators and their habitats on working lands and wildlands;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, JOSHUA B. GREEN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim June 17-23, 2019 as**

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in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the importance of pollination and to help protect pollinators and their habitats as part of the state's sustainability and food security efforts.

Done at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this seventh day of May 2019.

  
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JOSHUA B. GREEN  
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i

  
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DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i