

# State of North Carolina

## **ROY COOPER**

**GOVERNOR** 

#### NORTH CAROLINA POLLINATOR WEEK

2024

#### BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

### A 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

**WHEAREAS,** on February 13, 2024, Governor Roy Cooper signed Executive Order 305 "An Order to Protect and Restore North Carolina's Critical Natural and Working Lands" which set bold conservation goals and established a native plant policy for all state-owned land; and

**WHEREAS,** the State of North Carolina 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;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 17 – 23, 2024, as "**NORTH CAROLINA POLLINATOR WEEK**" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.

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Roy Cooper
Governor

IN WITE SS WHER OF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twelfth day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-four and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-eighth.