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State of SOUTH CAROLINA

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 SOUTH CAROLINA has managed wildlife habitats and public lands such as SOUTH CAROLINA forests and grasslands for decades; and

WHEREAS, the State of SOUTH 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; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Governor Haley, Governor of the State of SOUTH CAROLINA, do hereby proclaim the week of June 15-21, 2015 as

SOUTH CAROLINA Pollinator Week

throughout the State of SOUTH CAROLINA, and urge all citizens to recognize this observance.

NOTE - Please send a copy of your proclamation to:

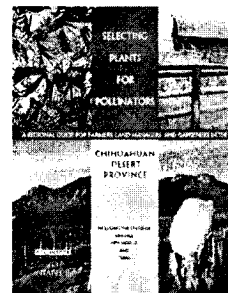
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Your State proclamation will be posted on www.pollinator.org to publicize National Pollinator Week.

Thank you for helping pollinators!

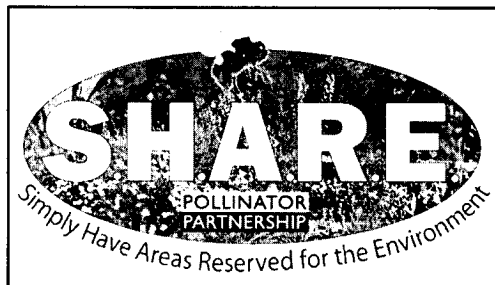


Visit www.pollinator.org for more information about events surrounding Pollinator Week and to see *Selecting Plants for Pollinators*, an unprecedented series of pollinator-friendly bioregional planting guides, available free of charge and designed to assist everyone from gardeners to public land managers in choosing plants



to support pollinators. Establishing pollinator friendly plantings can increase production of crops and other flowering plants, provide important resources for wildlife, maintain natural ecosystems, and reduce the need for chemical control of pest species.

Together, we are changing the future and challenging all sectors of our economy to work together. Pollinator Partnership's S.H.A.R.E.



(Simply Have Areas Reserved for the Environment) program is inspiring and connecting habitat for the benefit of pollinators. Our BeeSmart™ campaign is connecting youth to their food sources and the outdoors. We are working, with your help, to ensure the



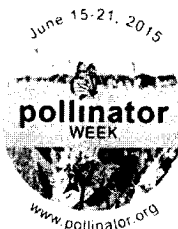
well-being of current and future generations.

Please consider joining this movement to protect one of the foundations of life that has been largely ignored. A sample proclamation is enclosed. Thank you for supporting the great state of SOUTH CAROLINA and its citizens through your advocacy for pollinators.

Sincerely,

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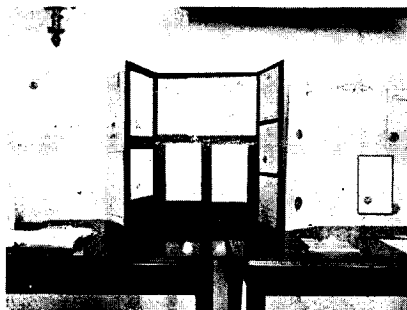
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Dear Governor Haley:

Eight years ago the U.S. Senate's unanimous approval and designation of the third week in June as "Pollinator Week" marked a necessary step toward addressing the urgent issue of declining pollinator populations. **Last year 45 states declared their own state Pollinator Week. With your help, we hope to reach 100% state participation this year.** The popularity and public enthusiasm for Pollinator Week has been overwhelming. In 2015 we can continue to build on the tremendous success of this movement **with your involvement.**



I am writing to ask your support in helping to protect pollinating animals, which are vital to our food supply, economy, and a key to global sustainability, by declaring "South Carolina Pollinator Week," June 15-21, 2015.



One recommendation of the landmark National Academy of Sciences and National Research Council study, *Status of Pollinators in North America*, was an immediate increase in public awareness of the vital roles pollinators play in our lives. By declaring Pollinator Week in SOUTH CAROLINA, you will be helping to do exactly that.

In just eight years, Pollinator Week has become an international celebration of the invaluable ecosystem services provided by bees, birds, butterflies, bats and beetles. The growing concern for pollinators is a sign of progress, but it is vital that we continue to maximize our collective effort.



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