

# The State of Washington



## 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

**WHEREAS**, the state of Washington has managed wildlife habitats and public lands such as our forests and grasslands for decades; and

**WHEREAS**, the state of Washington 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, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim the week of June 15-21, 2015 as

### *Pollinator Week*

in Washington, and I urge all people in our state to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2015

Governor Jay Inslee

