



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

PROCLAMATION

HONEY BEE DAY
August 20, 2022

WHEREAS, pollinators contribute substantially to the economy of the United States and Pennsylvania and are vital to keeping fruits, nuts, and vegetables in our diets. Honey bee pollination alone adds more than \$15 billion in value to agricultural crops each year in the United States; and

WHEREAS, pollinators are critical to the agriculture that nourishes our commonwealth. One out of every three bites of food we eat is made possible because of pollinators and their role in promoting biodiversity and plant health within our greater food system; and

WHEREAS, in Pennsylvania, pollinators are critical to the success of agriculture and the environment. More than 80% of the world's flowering plants need to be pollinated to reproduce. This includes apples, peaches, tomatoes, berries, pumpkins, grapes, and many other crops produced here in Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, we understand the pressures of society that weigh heavily on pollinators and the need to safeguard pollinators for the health and wellbeing of ecosystems. Over the past few decades, there has been a significant loss of pollinators, including honey bees, native bees, birds, bats, and butterflies, from the environment; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Pollinator Protection Plan was developed to evaluate the current state of pollinators throughout the commonwealth and to provide recommendations for best practices and resources to support and expand pollinator populations; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture is proud to be an active partner in this work, providing educational assistance to beekeepers on best management practices for bee health, promoting sustainable farming and plantings, and encouraging our citizens to cultivate a pollinator-friendly environment.

THEREFORE, I, Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania do hereby proclaim August 20, 2022, as HONEY BEE DAY, to recognize and appreciate the pollinators who continue to critically nourish our commonwealth and guarantee the success of the commonwealth's agriculture.



GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, this eighth day of August two thousand twenty-two, the year of the commonwealth the two hundred forty-seventh.

Tom Wolf
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Governor