

~ PROCLAMATION ~

WHEREAS, pollinators such as birds, bees and other insects are essential partners with farmers and ranchers, involved in the production of one of every three mouthfuls of food we eat and beverages we drink, including Washington staples such as apples, berries and grapes, as well as items such as chocolate, bananas and coffee; and

WHEREAS, pollination plays a vital role in the health of our national forests and grasslands which provide forage, fish, wildlife, timber, water, mineral resources and recreational opportunities, as well as economic development opportunities for communities; and

WHEREAS, pollinators provide significant environmental benefits necessary for maintaining healthy, biodiverse ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, Clark County has managed wildlife habitats and public lands, such as state forests and grasslands, for decades; and

WHEREAS, Clark County offers producers assistance to promote wise conservation stewardship, including the protection and maintenance of pollinators and their habitats on working lands and wild lands,

NOW, THEREFORE, we the Board of County Councilors do hereby proclaim June 15-21, 2015 as

~ POLLINATOR WEEK ~

and urge all citizens to recognize the value of pollinating species and pledge to protect their habitats.

Signed this 9th day of June 2015

**BOARD OF COUNTY COUNCILORS
FOR CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON**



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