

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of June 17 through 23, 2019, as "National
2 Pollinator Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Twelve years ago, the United States Senate
4 unanimously approved the designation of a week in June as
5 "National Pollinator Week" to address the urgent issue of
6 declining pollinator populations; and

7 WHEREAS, "National Pollinator Week" has grown into an
8 international celebration of the valuable ecosystem services
9 provided by bees, birds, butterflies, bats and beetles; and

10 WHEREAS, Pollination occurs when the pollen from the male
11 part of the flower (stamen) is moved to the female part of the
12 same or another flower (pistil) and fertilizes it, resulting in
13 the production of fruits and seeds; and

14 WHEREAS, Some flowers rely on the wind to move pollen, while
15 others rely on animals and insects to move pollen; and

16 WHEREAS, Animals and insects visit flowers in search of food
17 and sometimes even mates, shelter and nest-building materials;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, Some animals and insects, including many different
3 types of bees, collect pollen; and

4 WHEREAS, In contrast, other animals and insects, including
5 many different types of butterflies and birds, move pollen
6 incidentally because the pollen sticks on their bodies while
7 they are collecting nectar from the flowers; and

8 WHEREAS, Regardless of how these animals or insects collect
9 or move pollen, they are considered pollinators; and

10 WHEREAS, Pollinators play a crucial role in flowering plant
11 reproduction and in the production of most fruits and
12 vegetables; and

13 WHEREAS, Without the assistance of pollinators, most plants
14 cannot produce fruits and seeds; and

15 WHEREAS, In the United States, honey bees pollinate
16 approximately \$10 billion worth of crops each year; and

17 WHEREAS, Eighty percent of the crops that make up most of the
18 world's food supply are pollinated by wild bees and other
19 wildlife; and

20 WHEREAS, Recent studies of pollinators in North America by
21 the National Academy of Sciences found that populations of honey
22 bees and some wild pollinators are declining; and

23 WHEREAS, The decline in wild pollinators may be a result of
24 habitat loss and degradation; and

25 WHEREAS, Planting a pollinator garden, providing nesting
26 sites and learning more about integrated pest management for
27 yards, gardens and farmlands are ways to encourage pollinator
28 diversity and abundance; therefore be it

29 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
30 week of June 17 through 23, 2019, as "National Pollinator Week"

1 in Pennsylvania.