



THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
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NATIONAL POLLINATOR WEEK
June 19 - 25, 2016

By the Secretary of the Interior of the United States of America

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS pollination by animal species is vital to the health of diverse ecosystems, which provide forage; fish and wildlife; water, mineral, and energy resources; and recreational opportunities for the public; and

WHEREAS the Department of the Interior bureaus continue to make significant contributions to the Pollinator Health Task Force, resulting in coordinated direction and guidance for pollinator management and research, through a National Strategy to Promote the Health of Honey Bees and Other Pollinators, a Pollinator Research Action Plan, and Pollinator-Friendly Best Management Practices for Federal Lands; and

WHEREAS the three nations of the United States, Mexico, and Canada, are all taking collaborative steps for monarch butterfly conservation and science, to ensure the persistence of this iconic migratory species; and

WHEREAS pollinators, found across America in urban and rural areas, can be used to connect children to nature, engaging future generations in conservation; and

WHEREAS both public and private lands benefit by providing critical safe havens for pollinating species that are vital to healthy ecosystems and the supply of healthy foods; and

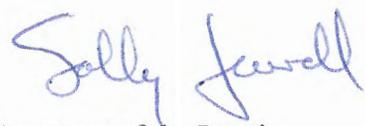
WHEREAS the Department's participation through four bureaus - the U.S. Geological Survey, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, and Bureau of Land Management - in the North American Pollinator Protection Campaign (www.pollinator.org), whose mission is to encourage the health of resident and migratory pollinating animals in North America, is an important example of a public-private partnership; and

WHEREAS the Department protects and manages much of the Nation's natural resources and cultural heritage; provides scientific and other information about those resources; and honors its trust responsibilities and special commitments to American Indians, Alaska Natives, and affiliated island communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, in recognition of the importance of pollinators to healthy ecosystems on public and private lands and their value to the Nation's economy, I, Sally Jewell, Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior, do hereby proclaim June 19 - 25, 2016, as National

Pollinator Week at the Department of the Interior. I call upon the American public to join us in recognizing the importance of pollinators and the stewardship role the Department plays in providing valuable pollinator habitats throughout the Nation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 17 day of June 2016, the two hundred fortieth year of the Independence of the United States of America.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sally Jewell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "S".

Secretary of the Interior