State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

Pollinator Week

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 Rhode Island has managed wildlife habitats, public lands, forests and grasslands for decades; and

WHEREAS, the State of Rhode Island provides conservation assistance to promote wise conservation stewardship, including the protection and maintenance of pollinators and their habitats on working lands and wildlands; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee, Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby proclaim June 20-26, 2011 Pollinator Week in Rhode Island and encourage all citizens to recognize the importance of this week.

Given under my hand and the great seal of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, this 25th day of May, 2011

Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor

A. Ralph Mollis
Secretary of State