

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** pollinator species such as birds and insects are essential partners in the production of 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 across our state and nation; and

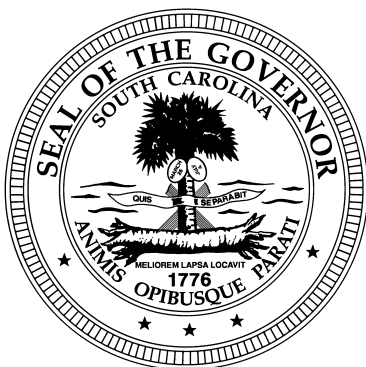
**WHEREAS,** pollinator species provide significant environmental benefits that are necessary for maintaining healthy, biodiverse ecosystems; and

**WHEREAS,** the maintenance of healthy pollinator populations is critical to the continued economic well-being of agricultural producers.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 22 - 28, 2008, as

### POLLINATOR WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to join in celebrating the vital significance of pollinators to agriculture and to public lands.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

**MARK SANFORD**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**