



EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION

On behalf of The Residents of Anne Arundel County, Maryland

WHEREAS, pollinator species such as birds, bees, butterflies, and other insects are essential partners of farmers and ranchers in producing much of our food supply, including very diverse dietary choices rich in fruits, nuts, and vegetables; and

WHEREAS, pollinators have experienced population decline due to a combination of habitat loss, poor nutrition, pesticides, parasites, diseases, and climate change; and

WHEREAS, pollinators provide significant environmental benefits that are necessary for maintaining healthy, diverse ecosystems in towns and cities; and

WHEREAS, pollination plays a vital role for the trees and plants of our community, enhancing our quality of life, and creating recreational and economic development opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Anne Arundel County manages parks, public landscaping, and other public lands that may include greenways and wildlife habitats; and provides recommendations to developers and residents regarding landscaping to promote wise conservation stewardship, including the protection of pollinators and maintenance of their habitats; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEUART L. PITTMAN, County Executive, do hereby proclaim June 22-28, 2026, as Pollinator Week in Anne Arundel County. I call upon all of our residents to recognize and commend its observance by planting pollinator-friendly native plants that include trees, shrubs, grasses, and flowers; providing nesting sites that support all pollinator life stages; avoiding pesticide use; learning more about the many environmental and community benefits pollinators provide; and spreading the word on the importance of pollinators. Given Under My hand and the Great Seal of Anne Arundel County this 22nd Day of June in the Year of the Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Six.



A blue ink signature of Stuart L. Pittman, written in a cursive style.

STEUART L. PITTMAN
County Executive
June 22, 2026