



County Commissioners of Charles County

PROCLAMATION 2026-54

National Pollinator Week

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, Charles County manages parks, public landscaping, and other public lands that may include greenways and wildlife habitats; and

WHEREAS, Charles County supports efforts by developers and residents to promote wise conservation stewardship, including the protection of pollinators and maintenance of their habitats.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim June 22-28, 2026, as **National Pollinator Week** in Charles County and encourage all residents to recognize this 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.

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