



**PROCLAMATION**

*WHEREAS pollinator species such as birds, bees, butterflies, and insects are vital partners of farmers in producing much of our food supply; 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 many pollinators have experienced population decline due to a combination of habitat loss, poor nutrition, pesticides, parasites, diseases, and climate change; and*

*WHEREAS St. Mary's County manages parks, public landscaping, and other public lands that may include greenways and wildlife habitats; and*

*WHEREAS St. Mary's County provides recommendations to developers and residents regarding landscaping to promote wise conservation stewardship, including the protection of pollinators and maintenance of their habitats.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, We, the Commissioners of St. Mary's County do hereby proclaim June 22-28, as NATIONAL POLLINATOR WEEK in St. Mary's County and urge all citizens to support and celebrate pollinators by planting pollinator-friendly native plants.*

**THIS DATE:**

*June 22, 2026*



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