

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 45

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Relating to designating the third week in June as Pollinator Week.

WHEREAS, pollinators include birds, bats, butterflies, moths, flies, beetles, wasps, and most importantly bees; and

WHEREAS, the diversity of pollinators is necessary for the maintenance of a healthy, diverse ecosystem; and

WHEREAS, pollinators have an essential role in agriculture in Missouri, and help to produce a robust food supply; and

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WHEREAS, pollinators are responsible for pollinating nearly one-third of every bite of food individuals consume; and

WHEREAS, it is in the strong economic interest of agricultural producers and consumers in Missouri as well as the United States to help ensure a hearty, sustainable pollinator population; and

WHEREAS, the honey bee is Missouri's state insect, and plays a significant role in pollination in the state; and

WHEREAS, these invaluable creatures are facing possible declines across the United States; and

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WHEREAS, Pollinator Week recognizes the partnership role that pollinators play in agriculture and stable ecosystems, and increases awareness about the import role of pollinators:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-ninth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby designate the third week of June as "Pollinator Week" in Missouri to recognize the important role pollinators play in maintaining healthy, diverse ecosystems and productive agricultural lands. The citizens of the state of Missouri are encouraged to participate in appropriate activities and events to increase awareness and habitat for the significant declining pollinator population; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Missouri Senate be instructed to send a properly inscribed copy of this resolution to the Governor for his approval or rejection pursuant to the Missouri Constitution.