

# HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 122

Reps. Scott, Brixie, Aiyash, O'Neal, Neeley, Young, McKinney, Tyrone Carter, Brenda Carter, Wilson, Wegela, Hoskins, Edwards, Dievendorf, Rogers and Whitsett offered the following resolution:

1           A resolution to declare June 19-25, 2023, as Pollinators Week  
2 in the state of Michigan.

3           Whereas, Pollinator species such as bees and other insects  
4 play a vital role in pollination, which is essential for the  
5 production of one-third of our food supply; and

6           Whereas, Michigan's agriculture greatly benefits from  
7 pollinators, with fruits and vegetables generating over \$2 billion  
8 in revenue annually. Approximately half of this produce relies on  
9 bee pollination; and

10           Whereas, The decline of pollinators, caused by factors such as  
11 habitat loss, environmental changes, and monoculture crops, poses a

1 significant threat to our food supply, landscapes, and ecosystems;  
2 and

3       Whereas, Supporting Michigan's native plants and creating  
4 pollinator-friendly habitats can help mitigate the decline of  
5 pollinators, prevent soil erosion, and increase carbon  
6 sequestration; and

7       Whereas, Raising awareness about the importance of avoiding  
8 pesticides, herbicides, and fungicides, as well as promoting the  
9 planting of pollinator-friendly plants, is crucial for the  
10 preservation and restoration of pollinator populations; and

11       Whereas, Educating the public about the significance of adding  
12 natural habitat to farmland, public areas, and personal spaces can  
13 contribute to the protection and enhancement of pollinator  
14 habitats; and

15       Whereas, Designating a specific week to focus on pollinators  
16 would provide a valuable opportunity to educate Michigan citizens  
17 about the economic stability and health benefits associated with  
18 pollinators; and

19       Whereas, Michigan Pollinators Week is dedicated to raising  
20 awareness about the importance of pollinators, promoting  
21 pollinator-friendly practices, and encouraging the conservation of  
22 pollinator habitats; now, therefore, be it

23       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of  
24 this legislative body declare June 19-25, 2023, as Pollinators Week  
25 in the state of Michigan. We urge all Michigan citizens,  
26 educational institutions, community organizations, and businesses  
27 to participate in Michigan Pollinators Week by organizing  
28 educational events, workshops, and initiatives that highlight the  
29 significance of pollinators and promote actions to protect and

**1** support their populations.