

Senate Resolution No. 1318

**BY:** Senator MAY

**MEMORIALIZING** Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim June 19-25, 2023, as Pollinator Week in the State of New York

**WHEREAS,** It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize official weeks that are set aside to increase awareness of serious issues which affect the lives of citizens of New York State; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim June 19-25, 2023, as Pollinator Week in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Pollinator Week; and

**WHEREAS,** This week marks the national celebration of pollinators, vital partners to our Nation's food system, economy, and ecosystem; and

**WHEREAS,** Pollinator species, such as bats, birds, bees, butterflies, moths, and other insects, play an essential role in facilitating the production of much of our food supply; and

**WHEREAS,** Healthy pollinator populations are critical to the continued ecological wellness of our agricultural system as well as the economic prosperity of our farming and ranching communities; and

**WHEREAS,** More than 100 United States grown crops rely on pollination from honey bees and other insects that collectively ensure we have a variety of fruits, nuts, and vegetables to support a healthy, balanced diet; and

**WHEREAS,** Honey bees are America's primary commercial pollinator, although there are more than 4,000 types of bee species in the United States; and

**WHEREAS,** Pollinators are integral to our National Forests and grasslands, which provide forage, fish, wildlife, timber, water, other resources, and recreational opportunities for United States communities; they provide significant environmental benefits necessary for healthy, biodiverse ecosystems; and

**WHEREAS,** Pollinator health is important to the well-being of United States agriculture, food security, and the Nation's overall economy; the United States Department of Agriculture invests in and supports pollinator health and conservation stewardship, including protecting and maintaining their habitats on working lands and wildland; and

**WHEREAS,** Each and every American can do their part to protect pollinator species by incorporating pollinator-friendly practices, like growing pollinator-attractive flowering trees and plants at home, in community gardens, or installing pollinator habitats on farms; now,

therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim June 19-25, 2023, as Pollinator Week in the State of New York; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York.