

## State-Level Leadership Actions in Support of Pollinator Health and Habitat in Your State

Here are specific actions your office can take to promote pollinator health and environmental sustainability when proclaiming Pollinator Week in your state:

- 1. **Make a National Pollinator Week proclamation** to raise awareness and provide high profile coverage of your office's pollinator conservation actions. Coordinate with Pollinator Partnership to hold Pollinator Week in your state at the same time as the national movement. http://pollinator.org/pollinator-week
- Schedule Pollinator Week activities Add activities for your constituents to the list of pollinator week activities at <a href="http://pollinator.org/pollinator-week">http://pollinator.org/pollinator-week</a>. We hope you will schedule more Pollinator Week events in your state this year.
- 3. Coordinate with your Department of Transportation to support pollinator habitat on roadsides through Section 1415 of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act), that encourages states to utilize funds to promote "habitat, forage, and migratory way stations" for pollinators. We are standing by to assist you in coordinating these efforts.
- 4. **Encourage 'cross-pollination'** between your state agencies responsible for transportation, agriculture, and natural resources to facilitate a more coordinated and effective approach.
- 5. **Increase public-private collaboration** In June 2016, The White House Pollinator Health Task Force published the Pollinator Partnership Action Plan, which demonstrates successful public-private partnerships working to benefit pollinators.
- Establish roadside habitat The recently passed FAST ACT (The transportation Act of 2015) includes vegetative management incentives for your Department of Transportation. A new technical manual is available at <a href="https://www.pollinator.org/roadsides"><u>www.pollinator.org/roadsides</u></a>.
- 7. **Promote Farm Bill provisions** Available provisions offer private landholders and land grant universities ways to engage in pollinator conservation.
- 8. **Encourage Bee Friendly Farming** Farmers, ranchers, orchardists, and beekeepers can certify their landscapes to demonstrate their sustainable practices, benefiting the local pollinators as well as their business. Learn more at <a href="www.pollinator.org/bff/">www.pollinator.org/bff/</a>.
- Inform your electorate about the Million Pollinator Garden Challenge, a
  nationwide call to action to preserve and create gardens and landscapes that
  help pollinators across America. Learn more at: <a href="www.pollinator.org/million">www.pollinator.org/million</a>