

Pollinator Week
June 22–28, 2026

WHEREAS, pollinators are essential to the health of Illinois ecosystems and agricultural productivity, contributing to the reproduction of more than 75 percent of flowering plants and supporting the production of many fruits, vegetables, nuts, and seeds; and

WHEREAS, Illinois is home to a rich diversity of native pollinators, including a variety of butterflies, bees, moths, beetles, and other beneficial insects, as well as birds that play a critical role in maintaining healthy natural communities; and

WHEREAS, native Illinois prairies, woodlands, wetlands, and urban green spaces provide vital habitat for pollinators and support biodiversity, water quality, soil health, and ecosystem resilience; and

WHEREAS, pollinator populations face significant challenges from habitat loss, invasive species, pesticide exposure, disease, and the impacts of climate change; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Romeoville along with its residents, businesses, schools, conservation organizations, forest preserves, and community groups are working to protect and restore pollinator habitat through native plantings, prairie restoration, sustainable land management, and public education initiatives; and

WHEREAS, planting native Illinois wildflowers such as purple coneflower, butterfly weed, wild bergamot, blazing star, goldenrod, and asters can provide essential food and shelter for pollinators throughout the growing season; and

WHEREAS, Pollinator Week raises awareness of the importance of pollinators and encourages actions that help sustain healthy ecosystems and thriving communities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John D. Noak, Mayor of the Village of Romeoville, do hereby proclaim June 22–28, 2026, as **POLLINATOR WEEK** and encourage all residents to learn about local pollinators, support habitat conservation and restoration efforts, plant native species, reduce practices harmful to pollinators, and participate in activities that promote the protection and appreciation of Illinois' invaluable pollinator populations.