

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** Oregon's native bees are essential pollinators in ecosystems, enabling 90 percent of all flowering plants to reproduce seeds for successional generations; and
- WHEREAS:** The flowering plants that are pollinated by native bees produce fruits and seeds that are a major part of the diet of approximately 25 percent of all birds and mammals; and
- WHEREAS:** In many places, the essential service of native bee pollination is at risk from habitat loss, pesticide use, climate change, and heat stress; and
- WHEREAS:** Oregon provides habitat for more than 500 native bees, 35 species of bumble bees and, for example, 27 unique native insect species contribute to cranberry pollination in Southern Oregon; and
- WHEREAS:** Wild and native bees being critical for pollination services for Oregon's cultivated agriculture, natural ecosystems, and wildlife, it is dire that conservation efforts are developed to support and improve existing populations; and
- WHEREAS:** The U.S. Endangered Species Act currently lists eight native bee species, including the rusty-patched bumble bee, as Endangered or Critically Endangered.

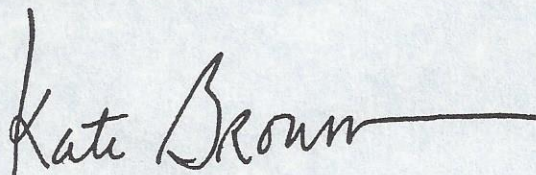
NOW,

THEREFORE: I, Kate Brown, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **August 15, 2018** to be

OREGON NATIVE BEES CONSERVATION DAY

in Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day, July 9, 2018.



Kate Brown, Governor



Dennis Richardson, Secretary of State

