

**Enrolled**  
**House Concurrent Resolution 9**

Sponsored by Representative REARDON; Representatives BARNHART, BOONE, CLEM, GORSEK, HELM, KENNEMER, LININGER, LIVELY, NATHANSON, TAYLOR, VEGA PEDERSON, WITT, Senator GELSER (Presession filed.)

Whereas honey bees, native bees and other pollinators are essential to the production of many crops and seed; and

Whereas Oregon's insect-pollinated agricultural economy is an industry generating approximately \$600 million per year; and

Whereas it is estimated that pollinators are responsible for one out of every three bites of food that we eat; and

Whereas pollinators are vital to sustaining a healthy ecosystem; and

Whereas healthy pollinator populations are necessary to biodiversity; and

Whereas urban and rural beekeepers play an integral role in statewide agricultural production; and

Whereas pollinator populations have suffered significant and troubling losses over recent years; and

Whereas it is critical that homeowners, as well as agricultural producers, understand how their actions may negatively impact pollinator populations; now, therefore,

**Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:**

That we, the members of the Seventy-eighth Legislative Assembly, recognize the critical importance of pollinators to our food supply, agricultural production and environment; and be it further

Resolved, That we are committed to making pollinator health a priority by supporting existing programs and new opportunities to educate the public about pollinator health; and be it further

Resolved, That we urge all Oregonians to work together to support programs that ensure the safety and continued vitality of our pollinators.

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Adopted by House March 24, 2015

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Timothy G. Sekerak, Chief Clerk of House

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Tina Kotek, Speaker of House

Adopted by Senate May 13, 2015

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Peter Courtney, President of Senate