



# Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

*WHEREAS, pollinator species such as birds and insects are essential partners of farmers and ranchers in producing much of our food supply; and*

*WHEREAS, pollination plays a vital role in the health of our national forests and grasslands, which provide forage, fish and wildlife, timber, water, mineral resources, and recreational opportunities as well as enhanced economic development opportunities for communities; and*

*WHEREAS, pollinator species provide significant environmental benefits that are necessary for maintaining healthy, biodiverse ecosystems; and*

*WHEREAS, the State of Alabama has managed wildlife habitats and public lands such as Alabama forests and grasslands for decades; and*

*WHEREAS, the State of Alabama provides producers with conservation assistance to promote wise conservation stewardship, including the protection and maintenance of pollinators and their habitats on working lands and wildlands;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim June 18-24, 2018, as*

# Alabama Pollinator Week

*in the State of Alabama and urge all citizens to recognize this observance.*



*Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of April 2018.*

*Kay Ivey*  
Kay Ivey, Governor