

STATE of MINNESOTA

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, recreational opportunities, and 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 Minnesota has managed wildlife habitats and public lands such as Minnesota forests and grasslands for decades; and
WHEREAS:	The State of Minnesota provides agricultural producers with assistance to promote wise conservation stewardship, including protecting and maintaining pollinators and their habitats on working lands and wildlands.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of June 19-25, 2023, as:

MINNESOTA POLLINATOR WEEK

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this $15^{\rm th}\,\rm day$ of June.

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GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE