

PROCLAMATION

- 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 Iowa has managed wildlife habitats and public lands such as Iowa forests and grasslands for decades; and
- WHEREAS, the State of Iowa 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, Kim Reynolds, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby proclaim June 19-25th, 2023 as:

Iowa Pollinator Week

KIM REYNOLDS (GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST.

PAUL PATE

SECRETARY OF STATE