## STATE of WISCONSIN



WHEREAS; birds, insects, and other pollinator species are essential partners to farmers and the agricultural industry, as they are a key component to the production of the state's food

WHEREAS; pollination is vital to the strength and stability of state natural areas, which provide timber, water, mineral, and fish and wildlife resources, as well as recreational and economic development opportunities for communities across Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin is home to many vital pollinators, including rare and protected insect species, underscoring the need to protect pollinator habitats and increase awareness of the threats to pollinator species, such as non-native gardens, habitat loss, pesticides, and extreme weather episodes due to climate change; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin has a proud history of conservation and environmental stewardship, and pollinator species provide environmental benefits that are necessary for maintaining healthy and biodiverse ecosystems, including Wisconsin's state forests, grasslands, wetlands, and more; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in recognizing the importance of pollinators to the environment, economy, and collective well-being of the state;

> NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim June 16 - 22, 2025, as

## WISCONSIN POLLINATOR WEEK

throughout the State of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance to all our state's residents.



By the Governor:

supply; and

Secretary of Sta

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 4th day of June 2025.

> TONY EVERS **GOVERNOR**