

STATE OF MONTANA



Governor's 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 and habitat for 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 to maintain healthy, biodiverse ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, the State of Montana manages millions of acres of habitat for pollinator species; and

WHEREAS, the State of Montana 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, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim the week of June 19-25, 2023, as

POLLINATOR WEEK

in Montana to highlight the importance of pollinator species.

GREG GIANFORTE

Governor