



RON DESANTIS
GOVERNOR

FLORIDA POLLINATOR WEEK

WHEREAS, pollinator species such as birds and insects play an essential role in helping 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, the State of Florida promotes wise conservation stewardship, including the protection and maintenance of pollinators and their habitats on working lands and wildlands; and

WHEREAS, Governor DeSantis has spearheaded the approval of more than \$600 million for the preservation of land through the Florida Forever Program, conserving nearly 175,000 acres of land that can be utilized by pollinating species to thrive in their natural habitats; and

WHEREAS, Florida Pollinator Week is a time to raise awareness of the importance of habitat conservation and protection of our state's natural resources and pollinators for generations of Floridians and our visitors.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing June 19-25, 2023, as *Florida Pollinator Week*.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capitol, this 19th day of June, in the year two thousand twenty three.



Governor