

STATE OF ILLINOIS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

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,

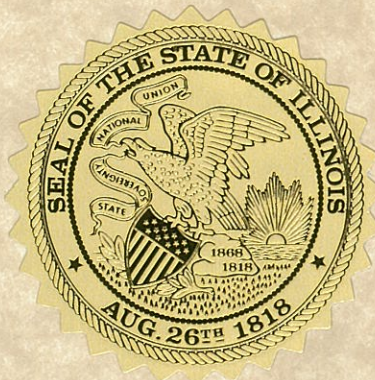
WHEREAS, Illinois has managed wildlife habitats and public lands such as Illinois forests and grasslands for decades; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois 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;

*THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim the week of June 19-25, 2023, as **Illinois Pollinator Week** throughout the State of Illinois, and urge all residents to recognize this observance.*

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,
this TWENTY-FIRST day of APRIL, in
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
TWENTY-THREE, and of the State of Illinois,
two hundred and FIFTH.



Alexi Giannouch
SECRETARY OF STATE

JB Pritzker
GOVERNOR