# Proclamation

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### Andy Beshear Governor

of the

## Commonwealth of Kentucky



### To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

WHEREAS, Pollinator species such as hummingbirds, insects, and honey bees 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, 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 Commonwealth of Kentucky has managed wildlife habitats and public lands such as forests and grasslands for decades; and

WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Kentucky provides producers with conservation assistance to promote wise stewardship, including the protection and maintenance of pollinators and their habitats on working lands and wildlands;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANDY BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby - proclaim June 21-27, 2021, as

#### POLLINATOR WEEK

in Kentucky.

DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort the 24<sup>th</sup> day of May, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-One and in the 229<sup>th</sup> year of the Commonwealth.

ANDY BESTEAR GOVERNOR

Michael G. Adams Secretary of State