

John Bel Edwards

**GOVERNOR** 

## Proclamation

WHEREAS, pollin

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, wildlife, timber, water, mineral resources and enhanced economic development for communities; and

WHEREAS,

pollinator species provide significant environmental benefits that are necessary for maintaining healthy, biodiverse ecosystems; and

WHEREAS,

Louisiana has managed wildlife habitats and public lands such as forests and grasslands for decades; and

WHEREAS,

our state 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, John Bel Edwards,** Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim June 18 - 24, 2018 as

## POLLINATOR WEEK

in the State of Louisiana.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunte set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seat of the State of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this <u>18th</u> day of <u>June</u>

A.D., 2018.

Governor of Louisiana