

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



**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**, the State of Mississippi has managed wildlife habitats and public lands such as Mississippi forests and grasslands for decades; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Mississippi 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, Governor Bryant, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do hereby proclaim the week of June 18-24, 2018, as

**Mississippi Pollinator Week**

in the State of Mississippi and urge all citizens to recognize this observance.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Jackson, on the first day of May in the year of our Lord, two thousand and eighteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-second.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Phil Bryant".

PHIL BRYANT  
GOVERNOR