

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota Office of the Governor

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 South Dakota has managed wildlife habitats and public lands such as South Dakota forests and grasslands for decades; and,

Whereas, the state of South Dakota 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, Kristi Noem, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of June 17, 2024, as

POLLINATOR WEEK

in South Dakota, and I urge all citizens to recognize this observance.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twentieth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.



Kristi Noem

Kristi Noem, Governor

Attest:

Monae L. Johnson

Monae L. Johnson, Secretary of State