

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

WHEREAS, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville 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; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Randy Pembroke, Chancellor of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, do hereby proclaim the week of June 21-27, 2021 as

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

Pollinator Week

throughout Southern Illinois University Edwardsville and invite all students, faculty and staff to recognize this observance.

