



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, providing 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 necessary to maintain healthy, biodiverse ecosystems; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois has managed wildlife habitats and public lands, such as state forests and grasslands, for decades; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois provides producers with conservation assistance to promote wise conservation stewardship, including the protection and maintenance of pollinators and their habitats on working lands and wild lands;

*THEREFORE, I, Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim June 18-24, 2018, as **POLLINATOR WEEK** in Illinois.*

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.



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SECRETARY OF STATE

*Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,
this TWENTY-FIRST day of FEBRUARY, in
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
EIGHTEEN, and of the State of Illinois,
two hundredth.*

Bruce Rauner

GOVERNOR