

**Whereas**, pollinator species such as birds and insects are essential partners of farmers and ranchers in producing much the food supply for our state and nation; and

**Whereas**, pollination plays a vital role in the health of our national forests and grasslands, which supply forage, fish and wildlife, timber, water, mineral resources, and recreational opportunities, as well as enhanced economic development opportunities for communities; and

**Whereas**, the state of Oklahoma has managed wildlife habitats and public lands, including state forests and grasslands, for decades; and

**Whereas**, pollinator species provide substantial environmental benefits that are necessary for sustaining healthy, biodiverse ecosystems; and

**Whereas**, Oklahoma is committed to conservation and environmental stewardship, including the protection and maintenance of pollinators and their habitats on both commercial and natural land; and

**Whereas**, Oklahoma Pollinator Week is an opportunity to acknowledge the economic and environmental contributions of pollinators in our state;

Row, Therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor, do hereby proclaim the week of June 18th, 2018, as

## "Pollinator Week"

in the state of Oklahoma.

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

