WHEREAS: Pollinator species – such as birds, bees, and other insects – are essential natural partners of Minnesota’s farmers and ranchers who work to create a robust food supply; and

WHEREAS: Pollination plays a vital role in the health of our national forests and grasslands, which provide not only forage, fish and wildlife, timber, water, mineral resources, and recreational opportunities, but also enhance economic development; and

WHEREAS: Pollinator species provide significant environmental benefits that are necessary for maintaining healthy, biodiverse ecosystems, and Minnesota has worked to honor these natural cycles through decades of managing public lands; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota 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

WHEREAS: All people are encouraged to learn more about the pollinator species in their community, as well as at local, state, and national parks and other natural ecosystems where they live.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim June 17–23, 2024, as:

POLLENATOR WEEK

in the State of Minnesota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 7th day of June.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE