

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 Colorado has managed wildlife habitats and public lands such as STATE forests and grasslands for decades; and

WHEREAS, the State of Colorado 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, Governor Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim the period between June 22, 2020 and June, 28, 2020 as

COLORADO POLLINATOR WEEK



