

RON DESANTIS GOVERNOR

FLORIDA POLLINATOR WEEK

WHEREAS, pollinator species provide significant environmental benefits that are necessary for maintaining healthy, biodiverse ecosystems that assist in cleaning the air and supporting Florida's wildlife; and

WHEREAS, birds, butterflies, small mammals and bees are just a few of the many pollinators in our ecosystem that play an essential role in producing much of our state's food supply; and

WHEREAS, pollination effects the health of our national forests and grasslands, which provide homes for fish and wildlife, timber, water, and mineral resources for our communities; and

WHEREAS, wildlife habitats and public lands such as Florida's forests and grasslands have been managed by the State of Florida for decades; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida understands the vital need for wise conservation stewardship, including the protection and maintenance of pollinators and their habitats on working lands; and

WHEREAS, Florida Pollinator Week is an important opportunity to recognize the need to continue to preserve and protect our state's natural resources for future generations.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing June 22-28, 2020, as *Florida Pollinator Week*.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 22nd day of June, in the year two thousand twenty.

Governor