

RON DESANTIS GOVERNOR

FLORIDA POLLINATOR WEEK

WHEREAS, protection of Florida's environment, water quality, and natural resources is a top priority of my administration; and

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

WHEREAS, birds, butterflies, small mammals, bees and other pollinators in our ecosystem play an essential role in producing much of Florida's food supply; and

WHEREAS, pollination impacts the health of our forests, wildlife habitats and public lands which have been managed by the State of Florida for decades; and

WHEREAS, these resources provide homes for fish and wildlife, as well as timber, water, and mineral resources for our communities; 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 a time to recognize the need 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 21-27, 2021, 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 one.

Governor