FLORIDA POLLINATOR WEEK

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, bats, beetles, moths, wasps, and other pollinators play an essential role in our ecosystem and the production of 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, Floridians understand the 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 raise awareness of the importance of habitat conservation and protection of our state's natural resources and pollinators for generations of Floridians and our visitors.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing June 20-26, 2022, 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 20th day of June, in the year two thousand twenty two.

Governor