



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, recreational opportunities, and 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 Illinois has managed wildlife habitats and public lands such as Illinois forests and grasslands for decades; and,

WHEREAS, Illinois 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;

*THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim June 21-27, 2021 as **Pollinator Week** in Illinois.*

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.



*Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,
this THIRD day of JUNE, in
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
TWENTY-ONE, and of the State of Illinois,
two hundred and THIRD.*

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SECRETARY OF STATE

JB Pritzker
GOVERNOR