

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, birds and insects, also known as pollinator species, are essential partners of farmers and ranchers in producing much of our food supply, providing significant environmental benefits that are necessary for maintaining healthy, biodiverse ecosystems; 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, for decades, the State of Kansas has managed wildlife habitats and public lands such as Kansas forests and grasslands for decades, and will continue to do so; and

WHEREAS, the State of Kansas 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laura Kelly, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim June 19-25, 2023, as

Kansas Pollinator Week

in the state of Kansas and I urge all citizens to join in this observation.

DONE: At the Capitol in Topeka under the Great Seal of the State this 25th day of May, A.D. 2023

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Secretary of State

Assistant Secretary of State