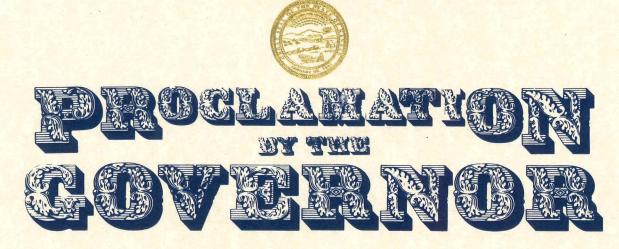
STATE OF KANSAS



TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

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, and recreational opportunities as well as enhanced economic development opportunities for communities; and

WHEREAS, pollinator species provide significant environmental benefits that are necessary for maintaining healthy, biodiverse ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, for decades, the State of Kansas has managed wildlife habitats and public lands such as Kansas forests and grasslands; and

WHEREAS, the State of Kansas provides 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 17-23, 2024, as

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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 30<sup>th</sup> day of May, A.D. 2024

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Secretary of State

Assistant Secretary of State