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 forests and grasslands, which provide forage, fish and wildlife, timber, water, mineral resources, and recreational as well as economic opportunities for communities; and

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

WHEREAS, the people of this land have managed wildlife habitats and public lands such as forests, wetlands, and grasslands for centuries; and

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana and supporting organizations provide 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, Jeff Landry, Governor of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim the June 17 through June 23, 2024 to be:

Louisiana Pollinator Week
in the State of Louisiana.