

## **PROCLAMATION**

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.

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

WHEREAS,

the State of Louisiana 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, John Bel Edwards, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim June 20 - 26, 2022 as

LOUISIANA POLLINATOR WEEK in the State of Louisiana.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 20th day of June A. D., 2022.

John Bel Edwards
Governor