



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Pollinator species such as birds and insects provide significant environmental benefits that are necessary for maintaining healthy, biodiverse ecosystems; and
- WHEREAS: At least 75% of all flowering plants are pollinated by insects and animals, amounting to more than 1,200 food crops and 180,000 different types of plants; and
- WHEREAS: Pollinators are essential partners of the farmers who produce our robust food supply, helping plants produce seeds, fruits, and vegetables; and
- WHEREAS: Pollination plays a vital role in the health of our state forests and grasslands, and Minnesota has worked to honor these natural cycles through decades of public land management; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota's pollinators face challenges including habitat loss, climate change, diseases, and parasites that have led to a pollinator decline, and several Minnesota insect pollinator species have been listed as threatened, endangered, or species of concern; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota is taking steps to protect pollinators by conserving prairies, forests, and wetlands, conducting education and outreach, and carrying out research and monitoring; and
- WHEREAS: All people are encouraged to learn more about pollinators and take steps to preserve Minnesota's pollinator population to protect the health and wellbeing of our ecosystems and food supply.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim June 22-28, 2026, as:

## POLLINATOR WEEK

in the State of Minnesota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June.



  
GOVERNOR

  
SECRETARY OF STATE