



## STATE *of* MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: Pollinator species, including 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 Minnesota has managed wildlife habitats and public lands such as Minnesota forests and grasslands for decades; and

WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota 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, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of June 20-26, 2022, 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 16<sup>th</sup> day of June.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE