

# STATE OF MONTANA



## *Governor's 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 Montana has managed wildlife habitats and public lands such as Montana forests and grasslands for decades; and*

*WHEREAS, the State of Montana 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, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim June 21-27, 2021 to be*

### **POLLINATOR WEEK**

in Montana to highlight the importance of pollinator species.

**GREG GIANFORTE**  
Governor