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, wildlife, timber, water, mineral resources, and economical development opportunities as well as recreational opportunities for communities; and

WHEREAS, Pollinator species can provide significant environmental benefits that support healthy, biodiverse ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, Nebraskans have managed wildlife habitats and public lands such as Nebraska forests and grasslands for decades; and

WHEREAS, The State of Nebraska 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, Pete Ricketts, Governor of the State of Nebraska, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the week of June 21 - 27, 2021 as NEBRASKA POLLINATOR WEEK in Nebraska, and I do hereby urge all citizens to take due note of the observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and cause the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed this Tenth day of May, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-one.

Attest:

[Signature]
Secretary of State

[Signature]
Governor