

Whereas, pollinator species such as honey bees, native bees, birds, bats, and butterflies are essential partners of farmers and ranchers in producing the food supply for our state and nation; and

Whereas, pollination plays a vital role in the health of our national forests and grasslands which supply forage, fish and wildlife, timber, water, mineral resources, and recreational opportunities, as well as enhanced economic development opportunities for communites; and

Whereas, the state of Oklahoma has managed wildlife habitats and public lands, including state forests and grasslands, for decades; and

Whereas, pollinator species provide substantial environmental benefits that are necessary for sustaining healthy, biodiverse ecosystems; and

Whereas, Oklahoma is committed to conservation and environmental stewardship, including the protection and maintenance of pollinators and their habitats on both commercial and natural land; and

Whereas, Oklahoma Pollinator Week is an opportutity to acknowledge the economic and environmental contributions of pollinators in our state.

Row Therefore, I, Governor J. Kevin Stitt, do hereby proclaim June 22-28, 2020 as

"Pollinator Week"

in the State of Oklahoma.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed.



Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this eleventh day of March, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and Iventy, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and twelfth year.

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