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 Oregon has managed wildlife habitats and public lands such as Oregon forests and grasslands for decades; and

WHEREAS: The State of Oregon 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, Tina Kotek, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim June 17th-23rd, 2024 to be OREGON POLLINATOR WEEK

in Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day, May 30th, 2024.

Tina Kotek, Governor

LaVonne Griffin-Valade, Secretary of State