

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, timber, water, mineral resources, and recreational opportunities and sustain wildlife as well as enhanced economic development opportunities for communities; and

WHEREAS, Colorado has a high diversity of native bees that are highly efficient pollinators of our flowering plants, vegetables, and fruits; and

WHEREAS, pollinators provide critical ecosystem benefits that are essential to maintaining the diversity of our native flowering plants and are the underpinning of biodiversity; and

WHEREAS, the State of Colorado provides producers with conservation assistance to promote prudent conservation stewardship, including the protection and maintenance of pollinators and their habitats on working lands and wildlands; and

WHEREAS, raising public awareness about simple actions that increase healthy habitat is vital to protecting pollinators; and

WHEREAS, the State of Colorado has designated a pollinator highway, created a pollinator license plate, and commissioned a native pollinating insects study to expand awareness and knowledge;

THEREFORE, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim June 2023 as

POLLINATOR MONTH

in the State of Colorado.



GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this first day of June, 2023

Jared Polis Governor