ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN,

I, Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim

June 19 – 25, 2023

AS

POLLINATOR WEEK

WHEREAS, pollinator species such as birds and insects are essential partners of farmers, ranchers, and gardeners 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 Michigan has managed wildlife habitats and public lands such as Michigan forests and grasslands for decades; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan 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, Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim June 19 – 25, 2023, as Pollinator Week in Michigan.

Gretchen Whitmer
Governor