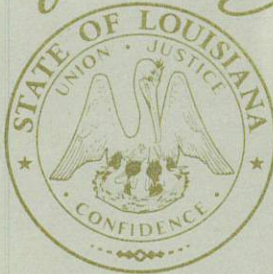


# Office of the Governor



JOHN BEL EDWARDS

## PROCLAMATION

**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 people of this land have managed wildlife habitats and public lands such as forests, wetlands, and grasslands for centuries; and

**WHEREAS,**

the State of Louisiana 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, John Bel Edwards,** Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim June 19 - 25, 2023 as

**LOUISIANA POLLINATOR WEEK**  
in the State of Louisiana.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this **19th** day of **June** A. D., **2023**.

John Bel Edwards  
Governor