

STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Pollinator species such as birds and insects sustain our ecosystems and are essential

partners of the farmers and ranchers who produce much of our robust food supply; and

WHEREAS: Pollination plays a vital role in the health of our state 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 such as birds and insects provide significant environmental benefits

that are necessary for maintaining healthy, biodiverse ecosystems and Minnesota has worked to honor these natural cycles through decades of managing public lands; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota's pollinators face challenges including habitat loss, climate change, diseases,

and parasites that have led to a pollinator decline and several Minnesota insect pollinator

species have been listed as threatened, endangered, or species of concern; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota is taking steps to protect pollinators by conserving prairies, forests, and

wetlands, conducting education and outreach, and carrying out research and monitoring;

and

WHEREAS: All people are encouraged to learn more about pollinators and take steps to preserve

Minnesota's pollinator population to protect the health and wellbeing of our ecosystems

and food supply.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim June 16-22, 2025, as:

POLLINATOR WEEK

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 12th day of June.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE