STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; pollinator species, such as birds and insects, are essential partners of farmers 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 across our state and country; and

WHEREAS; pollinator species provide significant environmental benefits that are necessary for maintaining healthy, biodiverse ecosystems; and

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin has successfully managed wildlife habitats and public lands, such as state forests and grasslands, for decades; and

WHEREAS; our state 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; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins folks across our state in recognizing the importance of our pollinators to our environment, economy, and collective well-being;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim June 22 – 28, 2020, as

WISCONSIN POLLINATOR WEEK

ighout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 4th day of June 2020.

TONY EVERS GOVERNOR

e Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE

Secretary of State