



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### GEORGIA POLLINATOR WEEK

- WHEREAS:** Pollinator species such as birds and insects are essential partners of Georgia farmers and ranchers in producing much of our food supply; and
- WHEREAS:** Pollination plays a vital role in the health of our state and national forests, which provide forage, fish and wildlife, timber, water, mineral resources, and recreational opportunities as well as enhanced economic development opportunities for communities throughout Georgia; and
- WHEREAS:** Pollinator species provide significant environmental benefits that are necessary for maintaining healthy, biodiverse ecosystems; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia's No. 1 industry is reliant on natural processes such as pollination, and it is important to promote the survival of these essential species; and
- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia provides producers with assistance in promoting wise conservation and stewardship practices, including the protection and maintenance of pollinators and their habitats on working lands and wildlands; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim June 19 – 25, 2023, as GEORGIA POLLINATOR WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



*B. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Martha Kipertovich*

CHIEF OF STAFF