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 State of Colorado has managed wildlife habitats and public lands such as Colorado forests and grasslands for decades; and

WHEREAS, the State of Colorado 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

Therefore, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim the period between June 17, 2019 and June 23, 2019 as COLORADO POLLINATOR WEEK

in the State of Colorado.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this seventeenth day of June, 2019

Jared Polis
Governor