POLLINATOR WEEK

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kim Reynolds, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby proclaim June 17-23, 2019, as Pollinator Week in the State of Iowa.

WHEREAS, the purpose of this proclamation is to encourage the protection and conservation of pollinators and their natural habitats and to raise awareness of the importance of pollinators to Iowa agriculture and the state's economy.

WHEREAS, pollinators are essential to the production of many of our food supplies and play a vital role in the health of our natural resources and ecosystems.

WHEREAS, pollinators, such as bees and butterflies, have a critical role in maintaining biodiversity and supporting healthy ecosystems.

WHEREAS, pollinators also play a role in promoting economic development opportunities for communities.

WHEREAS, pollinators provide forage, food, and shelter for a wide range of beneficial insects, which in turn support a variety of other wildlife species.

WHEREAS, pollinators also help to ensure the productivity of our farms and gardens, which is essential to the health of our natural ecosystems and the well-being of our communities.

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