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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 state and 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 Wisconsin has managed wildlife habitats and public lands such as state forests and grasslands for decades; and

WHEREAS; the State of Wisconsin provides producers with conservation assistance to promote wise conservation stewardship, including the protection and maintenance of pollinators and their habitats on both working lands and wild lands;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim the week of June 17 – 23, 2019 as

## POLLINATOR WEEK

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our citizens.



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 13<sup>th</sup> day of June 2019.

TONY EVERS GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE

Secretary of State