

WHEREAS; birds, insects, and other pollinator species are essential partners to farmers and the agricultural industry as a whole, as they are a key component to the production of the food supply; and

WHEREAS; pollination is vital to the strength and stability of state natural areas, which provide timber, water, mineral, and fish and wildlife resources, as well as recreational and economic development opportunities for communities across Wisconsin; and

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

WHEREAS; Wisconsin is home to many vital pollinators, including rare and protected insect species, underscoring the need to protect pollinator habitats and increase awareness of the threats to pollinator species, such as non-native gardens, habitat loss, pesticides, and extreme weather episodes due to climate change; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin has a proud history of conservation and environmental stewardship and has successfully managed wildlife habitats and public lands, including state forests, grasslands, and their native pollinators, for decades; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim June 17 through 23 2024 as

## **WISCONSIN POLLINATOR WEEK**

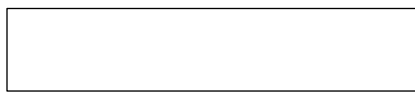
throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
to all our state's residents.

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 29th day of May 2024.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State