

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

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

WHEREAS; as the effects of climate change continue to impact pollinators, protecting pollinator habitats and ensuring the success of vital pollinator species is more important than ever; 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 19 through 25 2023 as

## **WISCONSIN POLLINATOR WEEK**

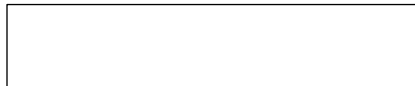
throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
to all our state's residents.

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 15<sup>th</sup> day of June 2023.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State