

WHEREAS; pollinator species, such as birds and insects, are essential partners to farmers and ranchers in producing much of our food supply; and

WHEREAS; pollination also plays a vital role in the health of our national forests and grasslands, which provide timber, water, mineral, and fish and wildlife resources, as well as foraging, recreational, and economic opportunities for communities across Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS; pollinator species provide significant environmental benefits that are necessary for maintaining healthy and biodiverse ecosystems, and as the effects of climate change continue to impact pollinators, with increasing temperatures disrupting blooming seasons and the migration patterns of certain species, protecting pollinator habitats and ensuring the success of vital pollinator species is more important than ever; and

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin has successfully managed wildlife habitats and public lands, including state forests and grasslands, for decades; and

WHEREAS; our state 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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim June 20 through 26, 2022, as

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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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June 2022.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State