

STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS:

Pollinator species such as birds and insects are essential partners of farmers and ranchers

in producing much of our food supply; and

WHEREAS:

Pollinator species provide significant environmental benefits that are necessary for

maintaining healthy, biodiverse ecosystems; and

WHEREAS:

Pollination plays a vital role in the health of our national and local forests and grasslands,

which provide forage, fish and wildlife, timber, water, mineral resources, and recreational

opportunities as well as enhanced economic development opportunities; and

WHEREAS:

The State of Minnesota has managed wildlife habitats and public lands such as

Minnesota forests and grasslands for decades; and

WHEREAS:

The State of Minnesota provides agricultural producers and landowners 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:

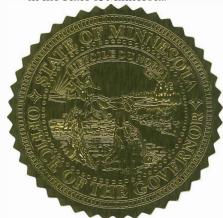
The State of Minnesota is taking steps to lead the nation in pollinator protection, including the appointment of a group of community leaders to advise the Governor and

executive agencies on pollinator policy and programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of June 19-25, 2017, as:

POLLINATOR WEEK

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 19th day of May.

GOVERNOR

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