

STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Pollinator species such as birds and insects are essential partners for farmers and ranchers in producing much of our food supply; and

WHEREAS: Pollination plays a vital role in the health of our forests and grasslands, which provide forage, fish and wildlife, timber, recreational opportunities, and 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 Minnesota has managed wildlife habitats and public lands, including forests and grasslands for decades; and

WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of June 18-24, 2018, as:

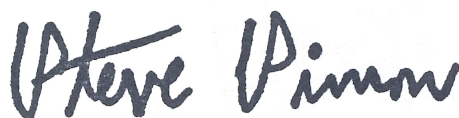
MINNESOTA POLLINATOR WEEK

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 8th day of June.




GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE