

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Arkansas is renowned as “The Natural State”, a special place endowed with an abundance of diverse flora and fauna and a remarkable variety in landscape and geography; and

WHEREAS: Pollinator species, such as birds and insects, are essential partners of Arkansas farmers and ranchers in producing much of our food supply and in providing significant environmental benefits necessary for maintaining healthy, biodiverse ecosystems; and

WHEREAS: Pollination plays a vital role in the health of our national forests and grasslands, which provide forage, fish, and wildlife, timber, water, and mineral resources, and recreational opportunities, as well as enhanced economic-development opportunities for communities; and

WHEREAS: Nearly eighty percent of our world’s crop plants require pollination, and the more commonly known pollinators, including birds, bees, and butterflies, transfer pollen among seed plants, while others, including beetles, mosquitoes, and bats, function as pollinators and are vital for plant reproduction; and

WHEREAS: For decades, Arkansas has managed wildlife habitats and public lands, such as state forests and grasslands, and encourages wise conservation stewardship, including the protection and maintenance of pollinators and their habitats on working lands and wildlands;

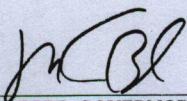
NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE BEEBE, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim June 21 through 27, 2010, as

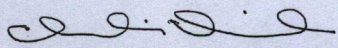
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across Arkansas, and I urge my fellow citizens to join me recognizing the important role pollinators play in our environment and in our lives.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 28th day of April, in the year of our Lord 2010.




MIKE BEEBE, GOVERNOR


CHARLIE DANIELS, SECRETARY OF STATE