



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION POLLINATOR WEEK

- WHEREAS: Pollinator species such as birds and insects are essential partners of farmers and ranchers in producing much of our food supply; and
- WHEREAS: Pollination plays a vital role in the health of our national forests and grasslands, which provide fish, wildlife, timber, water, mineral resources and recreational opportunities as well as enhanced economic development opportunities for communities; and
- WHEREAS: Pollinator species provide significant environmental benefits that are necessary for maintaining healthy, diverse ecosystems; and
- WHEREAS: The state of Georgia has managed wildlife habitats and public lands such as state forests and grasslands for decades; and
- WHEREAS: The state of Georgia provides producers with conservation assistance to promote wise conservation stewardship, including the protection and maintenance of pollinators and their habitats on working and wild lands; now
- THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the state of Georgia, do hereby proclaim June 21-27, 2010, as POLLINATOR WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand ten.



*Sonny Perdue*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST  
*Ed F. Holcomb*  
CHIEF OF STAFF