

STATE OF ILLINOIS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

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, pollination plays a vital role in the health of our national forests and grasslands, which provide forage, fish and 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, biodiverse ecosystems; and
- WHEREAS, the State of Illinois has managed wildlife habitats and public lands such as state forests and grasslands for decades; and
- WHEREAS, the State of Illinois 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, Illinois is proud to join with the United States Senate and the United States Department of Agriculture in declaring June 21 – 27, 2010, as National Pollinator Week, to coincide with an international celebration of pollinating animals including bees, birds, butterflies, bats, beetles, and others; and
- WHEREAS, pollinators are vital to the ecosystems of Illinois, supporting terrestrial wildlife, providing healthy watershed, and providing significant benefits to the agriculture of our state;
- THEREFORE, I, Pat Quinn, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim June 21 – 27, 2010 as **POLLINATOR WEEK** in Illinois, and encourage all citizens to recognize the value and the fragility of the ecosystem services provided by pollinating species.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.



Done at the Capitol, in the City of Springfield,
this SECOND day of MARCH, in
the Year of Our Lord two thousand and
TEN, and of the State of Illinois
the one hundred and NINETY-SECOND

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SECRETARY OF STATE

Pat Quinn

GOVERNOR