

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



A 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 Mississippi has managed wildlife habitats and public lands such as state forests and grasslands for decades; and

WHEREAS, the state of Mississippi 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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Haley Barbour, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim June 21 – 27, 2010 as

POLLINATOR WEEK

in the State of Mississippi.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Jackson, on the fifteenth day of February in the year of our Lord, two thousand and ten, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-fourth.

Handwritten signature of Haley Barbour in black ink.

HALEY BARBOUR