

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, pollinator species such as birds and insects are essential partners for farmers and ranchers in

producing much of our food supply; and

pollination plays a vital role in the health of our national forests and grasslands, which provide WHEREAS,

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, bio-diverse ecosystems; and

the state of Iowa has managed wildlife habitats and public lands such as forests and grasslands for WHEREAS,

decades; and

WHEREAS, the state of Iowa provides producers with conservation assistance to promote wise conservation

stewardship, including the protection and maintenance of pollinators and their habitats on working

lands and wild lands:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terry E. Branstad, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby proclaim the week of June 15-21, 2015, as

IOWA POLLINATOR WEEK

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HERE-UNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES MOINES THIS 13th DAY OF MARCH IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND FIFTEEN.

TERRY E. BRANSTAD **GOVERNOR OF IOWA**

ATTEST:

PAUL D. PATE SECRETARY OF STATE