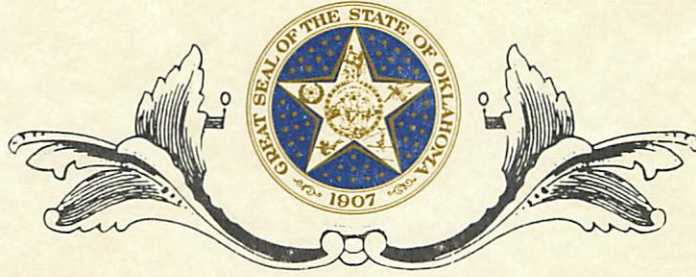


# STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

## Proclamation

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**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**, wildlife habitats and public lands, including state forests and grasslands, have been managed for decades by the state of Oklahoma; and

**Whereas**, the state of Oklahoma provides assistance to promote and encourage wise conservation stewardship, including the protection and maintenance of pollinators and their habitats on working lands and wildlands;

**Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin**, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim the week of June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015, as

### “Oklahoma Pollinator Week”

in the state of Oklahoma.

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



*Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and fifteen, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and seventh year.*

ATTEST:

*C. Benge*

SECRETARY OF STATE

*Mary Fallin*

GOVERNOR