

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, livestock 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 Nebraska has managed wildlife habitats and public lands such as state forests and grasslands for decades; and

WHEREAS.

The State of Nebraska provides producers conservation assistance to promote wise conservation stewardship, including the protection and maintenance of pollinators and their habitats on working lands and wildlands.

NOW, THEREFORE,

I, Pete Ricketts, Governor of the State of Nebraska, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the week of June 15 - 21, 2015 as



NEBRASKA POLLINATOR WEEK

in Nebraska, and I do hereby urge all citizens to take due note of the observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and cause the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed this Eleventh day of May, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Fifteen.

Attest:

Secretary of State