

STATE OF NEW MEXICO EXECUTIVE OFFICE SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

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 New Mexico has managed wildlife habitats and public lands such as state forests and grasslands for decades; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Mexico 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;

NOW, THEREFORE I, Bill Richardson, Governor of the State of New Mexico, do hereby proclaim June 21-27, 2010 as:

"New Mexico Pollinator Week"

throughout the State of New Mexico.

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Done at the Executive Office this 21st day of May, 2010.

Witness my hand and the Great Seal of the Great State of New Mexico

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