

State of Iowa Executive Department

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

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 MAINTENANCE OF HEALTHY POLLINATOR POPULATIONS IS CRITICAL TO THE CONTINUED ECONOMIC WELL-BEING OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS; AND
- WHEREAS, THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE HAS MANAGED WILDLIFE HABITATS AND PUBLIC LANDS SUCH AS NATIONAL FORESTS AND GRASSLANDS FOR DECADES; AND
- WHEREAS, THE DEPARTMENT 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
- WHEREAS, THE DEPARTMENT'S PARTICIPATION IN THE NORTH AMERICAN POLLINATOR PROTECTION CAMPAIGN, A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP ENDEAVORING TO INCREASE POLLINATOR AWARENESS AND PROMOTE POLLINATOR-FRIENDLY PRACTICES, REPRESENTS AN IMPORTANT EXAMPLE OF COOPERATIVE CONSERVATION; AND
- WHEREAS, THE DEPARTMENT'S NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGERS, WITH THE SUPPORT OF COMMUNITIES AND LOCAL, STATE, AND TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS, WORK HARD ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO ADMINISTER ECOSYSTEMS THAT PROVIDE HEALTHY HABITATS FOR POLLINATOR SPECIES USING SOUND, PROGRESSIVE LAND CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE MULTIPLE-USE PRINCIPLES:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHESTER J. CULVER, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF IOWA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM JUNE 24 - 30 2007, AS

NATIONAL POLLINATOR WEEK

IN IOWA, AND I CALL UPON THE PEOPLE OF IOWA TO JOIN ME IN CELEBRATING THE VITAL SIGNIFICANCE OF POLLINATORS TO AGRICULTURE AND TO PUBLIC LANDS AS WELL AS THE DEPARTMENT'S CONSERVATION ASSISTANCE TO FARMERS AND RANCHERS AND ITS MANAGEMENT OF ECOSYSTEMS PROVIDING VALUABLE POLLINATOR HABITATS THROUGHOUT THE NATION.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES MOINES THIS 20TH DAY OF FEBRUARY IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND SEVEN.

Chester J. Culver
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GOVERNOR

ATTEST:
Michael A. Mauro
MICHAEL A. MAURO
SECRETARY OF STATE