


UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



State of Louisiana

Governor  
Kathleen Babineaux Blanco

### 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, conservation assistance promotes wise conservation stewardship, including the protection and maintenance of pollinators and their habitats on working lands and wildlands; and
- WHEREAS, more than 1,000 bumble bee colonies are used annually to pollinate Louisiana greenhouse tomato and blueberry crops; and
- WHEREAS, since 1977 the honey bee has been the official state insect of Louisiana.

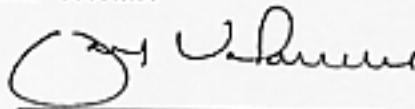
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Governor Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim June 23-24, 2007, as

#### LOUISIANA POLLINATOR WEEK

in the State of Louisiana

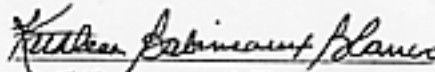


Attest By  
The Governor



Secretary of State

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this  
 the 15th day of March  
 A.D., 2007



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