



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Pollinator species of 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, recreational opportunities, and 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 Minnesota has managed wildlife habitats and public lands, such as national forests and grasslands, for decades; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota promotes wise conservation stewardship, including the protection and maintenance of pollinators and their habitats on working lands and wild lands.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM PAWLENTY, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of June 22 - 28, 2008, as:

POLLINATOR WEEK

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 26th day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and eight, and of the State the one hundred forty-ninth.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE