

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

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 environment benefits that are necessary for maintaining health and biodiverse ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, The State of Kansas has managed wildlife habitat and public lands for decades, and Kansas farmers have long used conservation practices on working lands, both of which protect pollinators and maintain their habitat:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KATHLEEN SEBELIUS, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim June 22 – 28, 2008 as

Pollinator Week

in Kansas and urge all citizens to recognize this observance.

DONE: At the Capitol in Topeka under the Great Seal of the State this 12th day of June, A.D. 2008

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Secretary of State

Assistant Secretary of State