Proclamation

by

Steben L. Beshear Gobernor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

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 Commonwealth of Kentucky has managed wildlife habitats and public lands such as state forests and grasslands for decades; and

WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Kentucky has provided 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, STEVEN L. BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim the week of June 22-28, 2008 as

POLLINATOR WEEK

in Kentucky, and urge all citizens to recognize this observance.



DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort this 4th day of June, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Eight and in the 217th year of the Commonwealth.

STEVEN L. BESHEAR GOVERNOR

Trey Grayson Secretary of State