

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

POLLINATOR WEEK

JUNE 17-23, 2024

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, three-fourths of the world's flowering plants and about 35% of the world's food crops depend on pollination; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota is home to more than 840,000 honey bee colonies and is where beekeepers bring their bees to recover from the stress of pollination services across the nation, providing adequate forage to produce high-quality honey; and

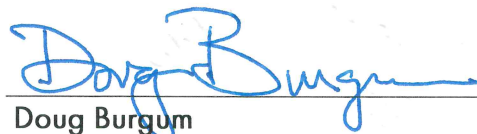
WHEREAS, pollinator species provide significant environmental benefits that are necessary for maintaining healthy, biodiverse ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Dakota has managed wildlife habitats and public lands such as North Dakota forests and grasslands for decades; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Dakota 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
June 17-23, 2024, **POLLINATOR WEEK** in the State of North Dakota.




Doug Burgum
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE