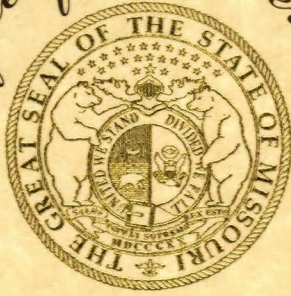


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**WHEREAS**, pollinator species such as birds and insects are essential partners of farmers and ranchers in producing much of our food supply; and

**WHEREAS**, pollination plays a vital role in the health of our national forests and grasslands, which provide forage, fish and wildlife, timber, clean 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 State of Missouri has managed wildlife habitats and public lands such as Missouri forests and grasslands for decades; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Missouri 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**, I, Michael L. Parson, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim June 17-23, 2024, to be

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in Missouri and urge all citizens to recognize the importance of pollinator species.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024.



*Michael L. Parson*

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GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

*Jay Ashcroft*

SECRETARY OF STATE