NORTH DAKOTA

== PROCLAMATION ==

POLLINATOR WEEK JUNE 17-23, 2024

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the state of 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 and have adequate forage to produce high-quality honey; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota producers are stewards of the land and work with beekeepers to protect and maintain habitats for all pollinators 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.

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