

POLLINATOR WEEK

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 fish, 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, diverse ecosystems; and

WHEREAS: The state of Georgia has managed wildlife habitats and public lands such as state forests and grasslands for decades; and

WHEREAS: The state of Georgia provides producers with conservation assistance to promote wise conservation stewardship, including the protection and maintenance of pollinators and their habitats on working and wild lands; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the state of Georgia, do hereby proclaim June 22–28, 2009, as POLLINATOR WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 13th day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand nine.