



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### GEORGIA 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 forage, fish and wildlife, timber, water, mineral resources, and recreational opportunities as well as enhanced economic development opportunities for communities throughout Georgia; and
- WHEREAS:** Pollinator species provide significant environmental benefits that are necessary for maintaining healthy, biodiverse ecosystems; and
- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia has managed wildlife habitats and public lands such as forests and grasslands for decades, and the state's No. 1 industry is reliant on processes such as pollination, making it extremely important to promote the survival of these essential species; and
- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia provides producers with conservation assistance to promote wise conservation and stewardship practices, including the protection and maintenance of pollinators and their habitats on working lands and wildlands; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim June 17-23, 2024, as GEORGIA 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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.



*B. P. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Laura M. Curry*

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