



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### POLLINATOR WEEK

- WHEREAS:** Pollinator species such as birds and insects are important partners to the farmers and ranchers that produce the majority of our food supply; and
- WHEREAS:** Pollination is vital to the health of Georgia's forests and grasslands which provide recreational opportunities, enhanced economic development opportunities for communities, and an abundance of natural resources. These resources include timber, fish and wildlife, water, and mineral resources; 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
- WHEREAS:** Georgia provides producers with conservation assistance to promote prudent conservation stewardship, including the protection and maintenance of pollinators and their habitats on all lands; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgians are encouraged to learn more about the critical economic and environmental contributions of pollinators; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim June 17-23, 2019 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 28<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.



*B. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Trinity K. Fleming*

CHIEF OF STAFF