

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Pollinator species, such as birds and insects, are essential partners of Arkansas farmers and ranchers in producing much of our food supply and in providing significant environmental benefits necessary for maintaining healthy, biodiverse ecosystems; and

WHEREAS: Pollination plays a vital role in the health of our national forests and grasslands, which provide forage, fish and wildlife, timber, water and mineral resources, recreational opportunities, as well as enhanced economic development opportunities for communities; and

WHEREAS: Pollinators are needed for the reproduction of 90 percent of flowering plants and one-third of human food crops, and the more commonly known pollinators, including birds, bees, and butterflies, transfer pollen among seed plants, while others, including beetles, mosquitoes, and bats, function as pollinators and are vital for plant reproduction; and

WHEREAS: For decades, Arkansas has managed wildlife habitats and public lands, such as state forests and grasslands, and has encouraged wise conservation stewardship, including the protection and maintenance of pollinators and their habitats on working lands and wildlands;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim June 20th through June 26th, 2016, as

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across the State, and I urge my fellow citizens to join me in recognizing the important role pollinators play in our environment and in our lives.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 18th day of February, in the year of our Lord 2016.




Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest



Mark Martin, Secretary Of State