



**The 10 States of The Mississippi River Parkway Commission:  
Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas, Tennessee, Missouri,  
Kentucky, Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota**

## **PROCLAMATION**

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; and

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

WHEREAS, the States of the Mississippi River Parkway Commission has managed wildlife habitats and public lands such as STATE forests and grasslands for decades; and

WHEREAS, the States of the Mississippi River Parkway Commission provides producers with conservation assistance to promote wise conservation stewardship, including the protection and maintenance of pollinators and their habitats on working lands and wildlands; and

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the States of the Mississippi River Parkway Commission, do hereby proclaim the week of June 19-25, 2023 as

### **Pollinator Week Along the Great River Road**

throughout the 10 States of the Mississippi River Parkway Commission and urge all citizens to recognize this observance.

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