STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

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 and state 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 State of Tennessee has managed wildlife habitats and public lands such as Tennessee forests and grasslands for decades; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee 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, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim June 22-28, 2026 as

Pollinator Week

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this twenty-second day of May 2026.

Bill Lee

Governor

Tre Hargett

Secretary of State