



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, native plants are indigenous species that have evolved alongside native wildlife and occur naturally in a particular geographic region, ecosystem and habitat; and

WHEREAS, native plants are essential for healthy, diverse and sustainable ecosystems and are critical for cleaning air, filtering water and stabilizing soils; and

WHEREAS, native plants are well-adapted to Alabama's soils, temperatures, precipitation and environmental conditions, making them the best option for conserving and protecting our environment and adapting to its changes; and

WHEREAS, native plants provide food including nectar, pollen, seeds and foliage for native birds, caterpillars, butterflies, bees and other wildlife in ways that non-native plants cannot; and

WHEREAS, Alabama is home to more than 3,120 native plant species which include large shade trees, shrubs, perennials, vines, grasses and wildflowers; and

WHEREAS, some of Alabama's rarest plants are federally listed under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, and include the Green Pitcher Plant, the Alabama Canebrake Pitcher Plant, the Alabama Leather Flower and the Gentian Pinkroot; and

WHEREAS, it is important to encourage public awareness about the benefits of Alabama's native plants to pollinators and other wildlife, the economy and the health and sustainability of Alabama's fragile ecosystems;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim April 2023, as

Alabama Native Plant Month

in the state of Alabama.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 23rd day of January 2023.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor