

STATE OF MONTANA



Governor's Proclamation



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 Montana's soils, temperatures, precipitation, and environmental conditions, making them the best option to conserve and protect the environment; and

WHEREAS, Montana is home 2,082 native plant species which include large shade trees, shrubs, perennials, vines, grasses, and wildflowers; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim April 2023

MONTANA NATIVE PLANT MONTH

to recognize the importance of native plants to Montana as a source of food for pollinators and native wildlife.

GREG GIANFORTE
Governor