



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

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, there are more than 2,400 native plant species in Tennessee which include large shade trees, shrubs, perennials, vines, grasses, and wildflowers; and

WHEREAS, native plants provide nectar, pollen, seeds, and foliage for birds, bees, caterpillars, and other wildlife; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim April 2023 as

Tennessee Native Plant Month

and encourage all citizens of Tennessee 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 twentieth day of April 2023.

Bill Lee

Governor

