

HJR26 ENROLLED



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2 By Representative Faulkner
3 RFD: RULES
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6 2023 Regular Session



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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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4 HJR___ RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2023 AS ALABAMA NATIVE
5 PLANT MONTH.

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7 WHEREAS, native plants are indigenous species that
8 have evolved alongside native wildlife and occur naturally
9 in a particular geographic region, ecosystem, and habitat;
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11 WHEREAS, native plants are essential for healthy,
12 diverse, and sustainable ecosystems and are critical for
13 cleaning air, filtering water, and stabilizing soils; and

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

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

22 WHEREAS, Alabama is home to more than 3,120 native
23 plant species, including large shade trees, shrubs,
24 perennials, vines, grasses, and wildflowers; and

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



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29 and

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

35 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
36 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the month of April 2023 is
37 Alabama Native Plant Month, recognizing the importance of
38 native plants to Alabama's rich biological heritage and as a
39 source of food for pollinators and native wildlife, and
40 encouraging Alabama's citizens to observe the month of April
41 as both National Native Plant Month and Alabama Native Plant
42 Month by removing non-native invasive plants in our yards
43 and communities, planting native trees, shrubs, and flowers,
44 and educating our citizens about the many benefits of native
45 plants.



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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was passed by the House 23-MAR-23.

John Treadwell
Clerk

Senate

02-May-23

Adopted