

# HJR26 INTRODUCED



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HJR\_\_\_ RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2023 AS ALABAMA NATIVE PLANT MONTH.

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, including 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, Alabama Canebrake Pitcher Plant, Alabama Leather Flower, and Gentian Pinkroot;



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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.