

HJR84 ENROLLED



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3 By Representative Faulkner
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 20-Feb-25



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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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3 RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF APRIL AS ALABAMA NATIVE PLANT
4 MONTH.

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6 WHEREAS, native plants are indigenous species that
7 have evolved alongside native wildlife and occur naturally
8 in a particular geographic region, ecosystem, and habitat;
9 Alabama, with its diverse ecosystems ranging from the
10 coastal plains to the Appalachian Mountains, is home to many
11 native plants; and

12 WHEREAS, these native plants play a significant role
13 in Alabama's ecosystems, providing food and shelter for
14 local wildlife and contributing to soil health; they also
15 offer excellent choices for gardening in the state; and

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

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

24 WHEREAS, Alabama is home to more than 3,120 native
25 plant species, including large shade trees, shrubs,
26 perennials, vines, grasses, and wildflowers; in the coastal
27 and southern regions, the Southern Magnolia and the
28 Flowering Dogwood are common; in the central part of the



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29 state, the Longleaf Pine, the American Beautyberry, and the
30 native Azaleas are dominant; moving north, the Mountain
31 Laurel and the Flame Azalea thrive; and in the wetland
32 areas, the Bald Cypress and the carnivorous Pitcher Plant
33 are abundant; and

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

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

44 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
45 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the month of April is
46 recognized as Alabama Native Plant Month, and we encourage
47 all Alabamians to observe the month of April as both
48 National Native Plant Month and Alabama Native Plant Month
49 by removing non-native invasive plants from yards and
50 communities; planting native trees, shrubs, and flowers; and
51 educating our citizens about the many benefits of Alabama's
52 native 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 27-Feb-25.

John Treadwell
Clerk

Senate

18-Mar-25

Adopted