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HJR___ RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF APRIL 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;
Alabama, with its diverse ecosystems ranging from the
coastal plains to the Appalachian Mountains, is home to many
native plants; and

WHEREAS, these native plants play a significant role
in Alabama's ecosystems, providing food and shelter for
local wildlife and contributing to soil health; they also
offer excellent choices for gardening in the state; 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, Alabama's 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; in the coastal
and southern regions, the Southern Magnolia and the



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

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

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

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