

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME - GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Native plants have provided food, shelter, and medicines to the inhabitants of Arkansas, from the earliest Native Americans to present-day;

WHEREAS: Native plants have supported, and continue to support, the wide variety of wildlife that contribute to making Arkansas "The Natural State;"

WHEREAS: Native plants are uniquely adapted to live in our soils and climate and require less water, fertilizer, and other chemical supplements to grow and thrive;

WHEREAS: Many native plants have beautiful flowers, produce many useful, colorful fruits and seeds, and display brilliant foliage colors as the seasons change, providing Arkansans and visitor's great pleasure;

WHEREAS: Native plants provide the oxygen that we breathe and provide other important ecological services such as building and stabilizing soil and facilitating water infiltration;

WHEREAS: Desirable native plants are being crowded out in the state by undesirable non-native plants that have little or no ecological value and that in many cases create ecological problems; and

WHEREAS: The Arkansas Native Plant Society urges all Arkansans to plant native plants in their gardens and to enjoy them wherever they may be found;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SARAH HUCKABEE SANDERS, Governor of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2023 as:

"ARKANSAS NATIVE PLANT MONTH"

And urge the citizens of the state to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed the 28th day of March, in the year of our Lord 2023.



Attest

John Thurston
John Thurston, Secretary of State

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sarah Sanders".

Sarah Huckabee Sanders, Governor