



Proclamation

WHEREAS, there is a strong and growing movement across the United States recognizing the importance of native plants to our environment and sustainable ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, native plants are special because they have evolved over thousands of years alongside native wildlife; and

WHEREAS, the unique relationships between native plants and animals in Hawai'i cannot be replaced with non-native plants that have been transported here from distant parts of the world; and

WHEREAS, to support healthy ecosystems, it is crucial to protect air, water, soil and native plants; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, a resolution was passed in the U.S. Senate (S. Res. 109), which established April as National Native Plant Month, and was renewed in 2022; and

WHEREAS, In the State of Hawai'i we have over 1,375 native plant species;

THEREFORE I, Josh Green, M.D., Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2023 as

“NATIVE PLANT MONTH”

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in Honoring the importance of native plants and to recognize the importance of their protection and propagation.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this fifth day of January, 2023.

Josh Green, M.D.
Governor, State of Hawai'i