



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- 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 to clean air, filterwater, and stabilize soils; and
- WHEREAS: Native plants are well-adapted to Minnesota's soils, temperatures, precipitation, and environmental conditions, making them the best option for conserving and protecting our environment; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota's native plants provide food including water, nectar, pollen, seeds, and foliage for native birds, caterpillars, butterflies, bees, and other wildlife in ways that non-native plants cannot; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota is home to more than 2,000 native plant species including large shade trees, shrubs, perennials, annuals, vines, grasses, and wildflowers; and
- WHEREAS: Some of Minnesota's rarest plants are federally listed under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, such as Leedy's Roseroot, Minnesota Dwarf Trout Lily, Prairie Bush Clover, and Western Prairie Fringed Orchid; and
- WHEREAS: Many of Minnesota's rarest plants are listed as Endangered, Threatened, or Special concern species under Minnesota's Endangered and Threatened Species law of 1971 including goblin fern, western Jacob's Ladder, and ginseng; and
- WHEREAS: It is important to spread public awareness about the benefits of Minnesota's native plants to pollinators and other wildlife, to the economy, and to the health and sustainability of Minnesota's ecosystems.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim April 2023 as:

NATIVE PLANT MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 22nd day of March.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tim Walz".

GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Steve Dinn".

SECRETARY OF STATE