



*Executive Department
State of Idaho*

The Office of the Governor Proclamation

*State Capital
Boise*

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 and are critical for cleaning air, filtering water, and stabilizing soils; and

WHEREAS, native plants are well-adapted to Idaho's soils, temperature variations, precipitation patterns, and other environmental conditions, making them the best option for conserving and protecting our environment, and adapting to its changes; and

WHEREAS, native plants provide food including nectar, pollen, seeds, and foliage for native birds, insects, butterflies, bees, and other wildlife in ways that non-native plants cannot; and

WHEREAS, Idaho is home to more than 2,500 native plant species; and

WHEREAS, April is both National Native Plant Month and Idaho Native Plant Month; and

WHEREAS, it is important to encourage public awareness about the benefits of Idaho's native plants to pollinators and other wildlife, to the economy, and to the health and sustainability of Idaho's ecosystems.

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRAD LITTLE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim
April 2023 to be*

NATIVE PLANT MONTH

in Idaho, and I encourage Idaho citizens to recognize this special observance.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 3rd day of April, in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred forty-seventh, and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred thirty-third.

A blue ink signature of Phil McGrane.

*PHIL MCGRANE
SECRETARY OF STATE*

A blue ink signature of Brad Little.

*BRAD LITTLE
GOVERNOR*