STATE OF INDIANA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
INDIANAPOLIS

Executive Order

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

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 Indiana’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, 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, Indiana is home to more than 2,000 native plant species which include trees, shrubs, vines, sedges, grasses and flowers; and

WHEREAS, some of Indiana’s rarest plants are federally listed under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, and include Short’s Bladderpod, Short’s Goldenrod, Mead’s Milkweed, Eastern Prairie Fringed Orchid, Virginia Sneezeweed and Pitcher’s Thistle; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Eric J. Holcomb, Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2023 as

INDIANA NATIVE PLANT MONTH

in the State of Indiana, and invite all citizens to duly note this occasion.

In Testimony Whereof, I have set my hand and cause to be affixed the Great Seal of State. Done at the City of Indianapolis, this 6th day of March the year of our Lord 2023 and of the Independence of the United States 247.

BY THE GOVERNOR: [Signature]

[Seal of the State of Indiana]