

119TH CONGRESS
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Designating April 2025 as “National Native Plant Month”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mrs. HYDE-SMITH (for herself and Ms. HIRONO) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Designating April 2025 as “National Native Plant Month”.

Whereas native plants are indigenous species that have evolved alongside native wildlife and occur naturally in a particular geographic region, ecosystem, and habitat;

Whereas there are more than 17,000 native plant species in the United States, which include large shade trees, understory trees, shrubs, perennials, vines, grasses, and wildflowers;

Whereas native plants are essential for healthy, diverse, and sustainable ecosystems and are critical for cleaning air, filtering water, and stabilizing soils;

Whereas native plants are well-adapted to specific soils, temperatures, precipitation, and environmental conditions, making them the best option for conserving and pro-

tecting the environment and adapting to environmental changes;

Whereas native plants provide shelter as well as nectar, pollen, seeds, and foliage that serve as food for native butterflies, caterpillars, birds, bees, and other wildlife in ways that non-native plants cannot;

Whereas more than 200 of the native plant species in the United States are estimated to have been lost since the early 19th century;

Whereas habitat loss and degradation, extreme weather events, and invasive species have contributed to the decline of native plants in the United States; and

Whereas native plants are essential components of resilient ecosystems and the natural heritage of the United States:
Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates April 2025 as “National Native
3 Plant Month”; and

4 (2) recognizes the benefits of native plants to
5 the environment and economy of the United States.