

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

NATIVE PLANT MONTH

APRIL 2023

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 North Dakota'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

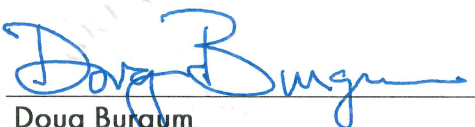
WHEREAS, North Dakota is home to almost 2,000 native plant species which include large shade trees, shrubs, perennials, vines, grasses and wildflowers; and

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

WHEREAS, North Dakota recognizes the importance of native plants to North Dakota's rich biological heritage and as a source of food for pollinators and native wildlife, and North Dakotans are encouraged to observe the month of April as both National Native Plant Month and North Dakota Native Plant Month by planting native trees and flowers in their yards, removing non-native invasive plants from their communities and educating themselves about the many benefits of native plants.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
April 2023, **NATIVE PLANT MONTH** in the State of North Dakota.





Doug Burgum
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 

Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE