



EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION

*On behalf of The Residents of Anne Arundel County,
Maryland*

WHEREAS, Native plants are indigenous species that have evolved alongside native wildlife and occur naturally in a particular geographic region, ecosystem, and habitat; 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 specific 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, Anne Arundel County is home to hundreds of native plant species, which include large shade trees, shrubs, perennials, vines, grasses, and wildflowers; and habitat loss and degradation, extreme weather events, and invasive species have contributed to the decline of native plants; and

WHEREAS, Native plants are essential components of our rich natural heritage and resilient ecosystems; and it is important to encourage public awareness about the benefits of native plants to pollinators and other wildlife, to the economy, and to the health and sustainability of local fragile ecosystems.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEUART L. PITTMAN, County Executive, do hereby proclaim May 2026 as Native Plant Month in Anne Arundel County. I call upon all of our residents to recognize and commend its observance. Given Under My hand and the Great Seal of Anne Arundel County this 1st Day of May in the Year of the Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Six.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Stuart L. Pittman".

STEUART L. PITTMAN
County Executive
May 1, 2026