

Office of the State's Attorney

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Office of the State's Attorney for Prince George's County, Maryland, recognizes May 2026 as Native Plant Month; and

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 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, Prince George's County is home to hundreds of native plant species, which include large shade trees, shrubs, perennials, vines, grasses, and wildflowers; and

WHEREAS, loss and degradation, extreme weather events, and invasive species have contributed to the decline of native plants; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, native plants are essential components of our rich natural heritage and resilient ecosystems.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TARA H. JACKSON, STATE'S ATTORNEY FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND, do hereby recognize May 2026 as Native Plant Month in Prince George's County. **FURTHER**, I encourage residents to observe the month by removing non-native invasive plants in our yards and communities, planting native trees, shrubs, and flowers, and educating others about the many benefits of native plants.



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