



Calvert County, Maryland

**WHEREAS**, native plants are indigenous species that have evolved alongside native wildlife and occur naturally in specific geographic regions, ecosystems and habitats, supporting healthy, diverse and sustainable ecosystems by cleaning air, filtering water and stabilizing soils; and

**WHEREAS**, native plants are well-adapted to local soils, temperatures, precipitation and environmental conditions, making them an effective and resilient choice for conserving natural resources and adapting to environmental changes; and

**WHEREAS**, native plants provide essential food sources, including nectar, pollen, seeds and foliage, for native birds, caterpillars, butterflies, bees and other wildlife in ways non-native plants cannot, and are a vital part of Calvert County's natural landscape; and

**WHEREAS**, habitat loss and degradation, extreme weather events and invasive species have contributed to the decline of native plants, underscoring the importance of public awareness and community action to protect and restore these critical resources.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** by the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners that May 2026 is **Native Plant Month** in Calvert County. **BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED** we 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 residents about the many benefits of native plants.

Given under our hands and seal this 1st of May 2026.



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