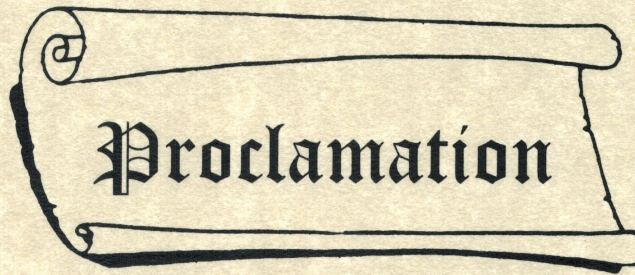


Town of Leonardtown



Native Plant Month - May 2026

WHEREAS, native plants are indigenous species that have evolved alongside native wildlife and occur naturally within a particular geographic region, ecosystem, and habitat; and play a critical role in cleaning air, filtering water, stabilizing soils, and supporting environmental resilience; and

WHEREAS, native plants are well adapted to Maryland's soils, temperatures, precipitation, and environmental conditions, making them among the best choices for conserving natural resources and protecting the environment; provide food, shelter, and habitat for birds, butterflies, bees, caterpillars, pollinators, and other wildlife that are vital to the health of our local ecosystem; and Maryland is home to more than 1,250 native plant species, including trees, shrubs, perennials, vines, grasses, and wildflowers; and

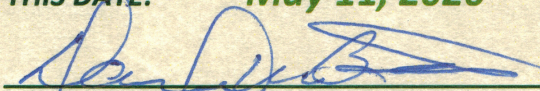
WHEREAS, the Town of Leonardtown recognizes the importance of protecting pollinators, supporting biodiversity, improving stormwater management, enhancing public spaces, and encouraging environmentally responsible landscaping practices;

WHEREAS, the Leonardtown Butterfly Trail celebrates the connection between native plants, pollinators, public art, local history, and outdoor exploration, while encouraging residents and visitors of all ages to discover the natural beauty and creative spirit of Leonardtown; and


WHEREAS, the Town is grateful for the community partners, local artists, businesses, volunteers, schools, civic organizations, and environmental advocates who support the Leonardtown Butterfly Trail and related efforts to promote conservation, education, beautification, and community pride; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Commissioners of Leonardtown hereby proclaim **May 2026 as Native Plant Month** in the Town of Leonardtown and encourage all citizens to celebrate the benefits of native plants by planting native trees, shrubs, grasses, and flowers; supporting pollinator habitats; exploring the Leonardtown Butterfly Trail; and learning more about the many environmental and community benefits native plants provide.

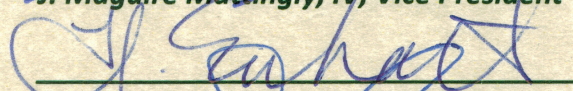
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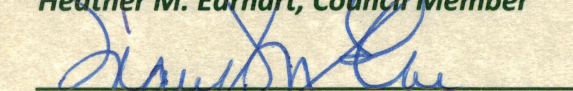

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