



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL AS NATIONAL NATIVE PLANT MONTH

WHEREAS, native plants have provided food, shelter, and medicines to the inhabitants of Santa Barbara County, from the time of the earliest Native Americans to the present-day; and

WHEREAS, native plants are uniquely adapted to live in Santa Barbara County's semi-arid climate; require less water, fertilizer, and other chemical supplements to grow and flourish here; and have evolved to support native wildlife; and

WHEREAS, native plants are essential for healthy, diverse, and sustainable ecosystems and are critical for cleaning air, filtering water, stabilizing soils, and helping us to solve our climate crises; and

WHEREAS, many native California plants have beautiful foliage and flowers, providing great pleasure to residents and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, desirable native plants are, in many locations, out-competed and crowded out by less desirable non-native plants, that have little or no ecological value and that, in many cases, create ecological problems; and

WHEREAS, National Native Plant Month is an annual month of awareness, education, and advocacy, reminding us of the benefits of native plants to pollinators and other wildlife, to the economy, and to the health and sustainability of our ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden and the Santa Ynez Valley Botanic Garden work to conserve native plants and habitats, and to promote discovery of the beauty, serenity, and joy of our diverse natural environment and its significance in our lives, for the health and well-being of people and our planet.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors declares April 2024 as National Native Plant Month in Santa Barbara County.

PASSED and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 23rd day of April 2024, by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board

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