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It is time for the Oregon Legislature to designate April as Native Plant Appreciation Month in Oregon. For years, by Governor Proclamation, we have had Native Plant Appreciation Week. Recently, along with many other States and the U.S. Congress, April has been designated as Native Plant Appreciation Month. Please support SB 547 and make Native Plant Appreciation Month an annual observance in Oregon.

There are many excellent reasons for a Native Plant Appreciation Month. I'm a retired high school biology teacher. Native Plant Appreciation Month is a perfect opportunity for students to learn about Oregon's native plants, conservation, and community involvement. Historically, the U.S. Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Native Plant Society of Oregon, and others have collaborated on annual wildflower posters for Native Plant Appreciation Week/Month. These beautiful, educational posters are viewed in classrooms, libraries, and public places throughout Oregon. Many communities plan a variety of activities to celebrate Native Plant Appreciation Month. The educational opportunities and public awareness that a Native Plant Appreciation Month facilitates are limitless.

Thank you for your support.