

"I support making April Oregon's Native Plant Appreciation Month"

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SB 547 Designates the month of April of each year as Oregon Native Plant Appreciation Month.

With a designated Native Plant Month there will be an amazing focus for tourist destinations around the state. A diversity of entities will know that April is the time to hold events, exhibits and festivals; educational institutions, libraries, cafes, art galleries, the multitude of nurseries that sell local native plants and non-profit organizations that have nature programs. These will highlight the importance of native plants on the landscape and how they contribute to a functioning ecosystem, human health, their cultural significance (consider Camas the most important indigenous trade item after salmon) and the history of Oregon's timber economy to mention only a few values for recognizing Oregon's native plants.