

Chairwoman Alzate and  
Honorable Members of the House Special Legislation Committee:

My name is Cindy Pierce and I live in Barrington. I am writing to urge you to support [H7230](#) (McGaw), which would declare the month of May as Native Plant Month.

Designating an awareness month for this important issue will help rally support and encourage a deeper understanding of the importance of native plants and their role in our ecosystem.

The reasons to support native plant habitats are myriad; they support biodiversity critical for pollinators and wildlife, promote sustainability and resilience in our landscapes, reduce our reliance on chemical fertilizers and pesticides, and improve water quality and help prevent erosion.

By choosing native plants, we create vital habitat and preserve important relationships between plants and animals that have evolved over millennia.

Designating May as Native Plant Month in RI will support extended education and advocacy efforts in many organizations to spread awareness about the ecological benefits of native vegetation.

Please pass this bill out of committee and to the House floor with a recommendation for passage.

Thank you,  
Cindy Pierce  
Barrington