

Dear Members of the Ri House Legislature,  
I am writing to voice my support for H7230, a bill recognizing the importance of Native Plants to our Rhode Island ecosystem, with a proclamation that May is Native Plant Month.

Native Plants are critical to wildlife and pollinators, and the environmental health of our state.

Native plants are adapted to local conditions, which means less irrigation, fewer pesticides and fertilizers, and reduced mowing and maintenance.

These savings matter for towns, DOT budgets, and public lands management.

Deep native root systems stabilize soil and absorb stormwater, reducing flooding, erosion and stormwater runoff.

Please pass this bill in recognition of the importance of native plants as one cog in the wheel of environmental justice.

Thank you,

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