

The Honorable (Senator's or Representative's Full Name)
Oregon State Capitol Building
(Senator's or Representative's email)

Dear Senator or Representative (Senator's or Representative's Last Name):

As a concerned Oregonian, I ask you to support SB547 (<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2025R1/Measures/Overview/SB547>) to make the month of April **Oregon's Native Plant Appreciation Month**. Senators Janeen Sollman and Sara Gelser Blouin are the chief sponsors of this bill and the regular sponsors include Senators Broadman, Campos, Lieber, Meek, Reynolds, Weber and Representatives McLain and Nathanson. Your support could make all the difference in this critical non-partisan effort. While Governor Kotek signed a proclamation making April Oregon's Native Plant Appreciation Month for 2024 and for 2025, passing this bill would establish April permanently as Native Plant Appreciation Month in Oregon avoiding yearly proclamation requests.

As SB547 recognizes, Oregon's native plants provide unique environmental, economic and cultural value to this state, are essential to this state's healthy diverse and sustainable ecosystems; help create and maintain clean air and water and stable soil; and are a major part of this state's natural heritage, providing countless aesthetic, cultural, economic and ecological benefits. Given the importance of native plants, permanently designating April as Oregon's Native Plant Appreciation Month would encourage the public to learn about the benefits of native plants; could promote the conservation, restoration, and appreciation of Oregon's native plants; and could foster more native plants in the nursery and horticultural industries to make more plants available to the general public.

There is a strong and growing movement across the United States recognizing the importance of native plants. In 2021, a resolution was passed in the U.S. Senate (S. Res. 109), designating April as **National Native Plant Month**. This resolution was renewed in 2023, and 2024. Following the lead of Ohio in making April Native Plant Month a law in 2019 and California, Colorado, New Jersey, and Mississippi in the subsequent years, it is my hope that Oregon will become another in the nation.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

I really appreciate all the work you do for us and the time you've taken to read this request.

Sincerely,
(Sign)

Your name,
Your street address
Your phone number