

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

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

As one of your constituents in (city, county of residence), I ask you to consider co-sponsoring a resolution to make the month of April **Oregon's Native Plant Appreciation Month**. While Governor Kotek signed a proclamation making April Oregon's Native Plant Appreciation Month for 2024, passing this resolution would establish April permanently as Native Plant Appreciation Month in Oregon.

Senator Janeen Sollman has agreed to sponsor this bill in the Oregon's Senate and Senator Sara Gelser Blouin has signed on as a co-sponsor. Currently, we are seeking Senate and House co-sponsors for this resolution, and I sincerely hope you will consider joining the effort by signing on as a co-sponsor. Your support could make all the difference in this critical non-partisan effort.

One simple way to protect our air, water, and soil to maintain healthy ecosystems is to plant *many* more native plants that support pollinators and native wildlife. 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 to pollinators and wildlife.

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.

Senator Sollman's office received a Draft of the Legislative Concept for this legislation from Legislative Counsel's. A copy this submitted draft is attached below. Consequently, I would appreciate your supporting this measure by notifying Senator Sollman's office of your support and by signing on as a co-sponsor which you can do by sending your initials or e-signature to Senator Sollmon's office. 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

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[Draft Legislative Concept for Native Plant Appreciation Month](#)