

117TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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Designating April 2021 as “National Native Plant Month”.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Ms. HIRONO) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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# RESOLUTION

Designating April 2021 as “National Native Plant Month”.

Whereas native plants are indigenous species that have evolved and occur naturally in a particular region, ecosystem, and habitat;

Whereas there are more than 17,000 native plant species in the United States, which include trees, shrubs, vines, grasses, and wildflowers;

Whereas native plants help prevent flooding, drought, and erosion and can help restore damaged ecosystems;

Whereas native plants provide shelter as well as nectar, pollen, and seeds that serve as food for native butterflies, insects, birds, and other wildlife in ways that non-native plants cannot;

Whereas more than 200 of the native plant species in the United States are estimated to have been lost since the early 19th century;

Whereas habitat loss and degradation, extreme weather events, and invasive species have contributed to the decline of native plants in the United States; and

Whereas native plants are essential components of resilient ecosystems and our natural heritage: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2               (1) designates April 2021 as “National Native  
3       Plant Month”; and

4               (2) recognizes the benefits of native plants to  
5       the environment and economy of the United States.