



# Resolution

## NATIVE PLANT MONTH 2023

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

**WHEREAS**, native plants are vital for maintaining and restoring the healthy ecosystem needed to sustain our environment, including but not limited to seed dispersal; pollination of crops and natural vegetation; prevention of flooding, drought, and erosion; regulation of disease-carrying organisms; and moderation of weather extremes; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina is home to more than 3,900 native plant species, including trees, shrubs, vines, grasses, and wildflowers, making it one of the most diverse states for native plants in the Southeast; and

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

**WHEREAS**, 969 of the native plant species in North Carolina have been designated as significantly rare and/or in decline and may be in danger of extinction; and

**WHEREAS**, 94 of those 969 imperiled plants have been found in Orange County; and

**WHEREAS**, habitat loss and degradation, extreme weather events, and invasive species have contributed to the decline of native plants in North Carolina and Orange County; and

**WHEREAS**, native plants are essential components of resilient ecosystems and our natural heritage.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Carrboro Town Council designates April 2023 as “**NATIVE PLANT MONTH**” and recognizes the benefits of native plants to the environment and economy of the Town of Carrboro.

This 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023.

Damon Seils, Mayor

