



Resolution

A motion was made by Council Member Romaine, seconded by Council Member Haven-O'Donnell, that the following resolution be approved:

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 28th day of March, 2023.

Ayes: Mayor Damon Seils, Council Member Susan Romaine, Council Member Barbara Foushee, Council Member Danny Nowell, Council Member Eliazar Posada, Council Member Sammy Slade. Absent: Council Member Randee Haven-O'Donnell

Damon Seils

Damon Seils, Mayor

