

City of Vancouver, Washington

Proclamation

- WHEREAS, Native plant species are an important part of Washington’s heritage, providing important aesthetic, economic, and ecological contributions, that make Washington a special place to live; and
- WHEREAS, Washington enjoys amazing biodiversity with over 3,000 native plant species, from rainforest plants on the Olympic Peninsula to the desert species in Eastern Washington; and
- WHEREAS, Preserving native plant eco systems is critical for protecting wildlife, birds , fish, and water quality in our city; and
- WHEREAS, Native plant eco-systems protect our watersheds by recharging natural aquifers, modulating stream flows, filtering water and reducing erosion and flooding; and
- WHEREAS, Over 350 of our native plant species are listed as rare by the Washington Natural Heritage Program; and
- WHEREAS, Invasive species present a great threat to sustaining our native plant ecosystems and biodiversity; and
- WHEREAS, Climate significantly impacts our community’s native plants and their habitats, requiring action to protect them from climate change.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anne McEnery-Ogle, Mayor of Vancouver, Washington, do hereby proclaim the month of April as:

“ Native Plant Appreciation Month”

in the City of Vancouver and encourage all people in our community to join in appreciating, enjoying, and celebrating our floral diversity by learning more about our native plants and their habitats



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Vancouver to be affixed this 8th day of April 2024.

Anne McEnery-Ogle
ANNE McENERY-OGLE, MAYOR