

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
Forest Service  
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**NATIONAL WILDFLOWERS WEEK**  
May 16–22, 2021

By the Chief of the United States Department of Agriculture's Forest Service

A PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS** Americans receive great enjoyment from viewing and photographing our Nation's beautiful native wildflowers and, in so doing, contribute to local economies; and

**WHEREAS** the Forest Service of the United States Department of Agriculture manages our National Forests and Grasslands, including a diverse array of native wildflowers; and

**WHEREAS** wildflowers and other native plants in our National Forests and Grasslands help sustain native ecosystems and contribute to clean air and water; food for humans and wildlife; and medicines, resins, and dyes; and

**WHEREAS** professional land managers—in partnership with communities, organizations, and local, State, and Tribal governments—work hard to manage public lands and to conserve our country's wildflowers and other native plants;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in recognition of the significance of our precious natural heritage of native flora, I, Victoria Christiansen, Chief of the Forest Service, do hereby proclaim May 16–22, 2021, as National Wildflowers Week. I call upon the people of the United States to join me in celebrating the Forest Service's management of native wildflowers and other plants, as well as the enduring benefits provided to society by native plant resources in America's National Forests and Grasslands.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand this fourteenth day of May, 2021, the two-hundred forty-fourth year of the Independence of the United States of America.

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