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NATIONAL WILDFLOWERS WEEK
May 20–26, 2018

By the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States of America

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 U.S. 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; serve as food for humans and wildlife; and can be used in 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, to further awareness and provide recognition of the significance of our precious natural heritage of native flora, I, Sonny Perdue, Secretary of Agriculture, do hereby proclaim May 20–26, 2018, as National Wildflowers Week. I call upon the people of the United States to join me in celebrating the Department's management of native wildflowers and other plants, as well as the enduring benefits to society provided by native plant resources in America's National Forests and Grasslands.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 16th day of May 2018, the two-hundred forty-second year of the Independence of the United States of America.


SONNY PERDUE
Secretary