



# Proclamation



**WHEREAS**, Native Plant Week encourages people to recognize the value and importance of the native plants of South Carolina to our state’s history, economy, natural resources, and wildlife; and

**WHEREAS**, South Carolina has an incredibly diverse plant life with more than 4,000 native plants species, subspecies, and twenty-one specific species; and

**WHEREAS**, Native plants provide aesthetic and environmental value to the history and future of our state and city; and

**WHEREAS**, Native plants instill an understanding and appreciation of our state and city’s natural heritage; and

**WHEREAS**, Planting, preserving and cultivating native plants in our community provide food and shelter to wildlife including bird species such as American Goldfinches, Blue Jays, Brown-headed Nuthatches, Northern Cardinals, Pine Warblers, Red-headed Woodpeckers, and Yellow-rumped Warblers; and

**WHEREAS**, Native plants are hardy, save on watering costs, improve the quality of air and soil, protect us from changes in the climate, are adapted to our region’s weather, and better absorb stormwater; and

**WHEREAS**, Native plants make Hartsville a more beautiful and healthful place to live and work, provide critical habitat to birds and other wildlife, and allow us to showcase our unique ecological and cultural stories for residents and visitors; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Carl M. (Mel) Pennington IV, Mayor of the City of Hartsville, South Carolina, hereby proclaim October 10 – 17, 2020 as

## “SOUTH CAROLINA NATIVE PLANT WEEK”

in the City of Hartsville and encourage our citizens to enjoy our native plants at home or our local parks and gardens.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I hereunto set my hand and cause to be affixed the seal of the City of Hartsville.

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Carl M. (Mel) Pennington IV, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sherron L. Skipper, City Clerk