



### Hot Springs Village Native Plant Week Proclamation

WHEREAS: Native plants are an important part of Hot Springs Village's natural heritage, history, and identity; and

WHEREAS: Hot Springs Village's native plants are indigenous to our region, and have adapted and evolved over many years to flourish in the unique geography, hydrology, and microclimates of our state; and

WHEREAS: More than 2,300 native plant species make for a diverse state flora; 11 of these species are endemic to Arkansas and found nowhere else in the world; and 5 of these species are federally threatened or endangered; and

WHEREAS: Native plants provide high-quality food and shelter for Hot Springs Village's native wildlife, including birds, butterflies, bees, and other pollinators, and both game and non-game species; and

WHEREAS: Native plants support more than 300 species of resident and migratory birds in Hot Springs Village, Arkansas, many of which are of concern and increasingly threatened by climate change; and

WHEREAS: Native plants and their derivatives provide food, medicine, and other essentials; Arkansas has benefited from the economic impact of native plants, ranging from pecans to muscadine; and

WHEREAS: Gardens and landscapes composed of Arkansas's native plants conserve water, save energy, and reduce pollutants and pesticides in comparison to turf grass; and

WHEREAS: The Hot Springs Village Audubon Society as well as other organizations and businesses, including garden clubs, nurseries and retail-garden centers, work to expand the market for our native plants; and

WHEREAS: By cultivating Hot Springs Village's native plants, we honor our heritage, sustain the beauty and benefits of our environmental resources, and preserve a natural link to wild land areas both past and present;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lesley Nalley, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Chief Executive Officer of Hot Springs Village Property Owners Association in the State of Arkansas do hereby proclaim the week of April 20, 2020 as


### " NATIVE PLANT WEEK IN HOT SPRINGS VILLAGE "

AND I ENCOURAGE ALL Hot Springs Village residents to celebrate native plants.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Hot Springs Village Property Owners Association to be affixed on this 15<sup>th</sup> Day of April, of the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty.



Signed

  
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Lesley Nalley, Chief Executive Officer

Hot Springs Village Property Owners Association