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NATIONAL WILDFLOWERS WEEK
May 14 – 20, 2023

By the Chief of the 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 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; food for humans and wildlife; and medicines, resins, and dyes; and

WHEREAS the Forest Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture currently manages 155 National Forests and 20 National Grasslands in 13 States; public land managers—in partnership with communities, organizations, and local, State, and Tribal governments—work 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, Randy Moore, Chief of the Forest Service, do hereby proclaim May 14–20, 2023, as National Wildflowers Week. I call upon the people of the United States to join me in celebrating the Agency'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 ____ day of _____ 2023, the two-hundred forty-sixth year of the Independence of the United States of America.

RANDY MOORE
Chief