

By: Senator(s) England, Barnett, Chassaniol, To: Rules  
Fillingane, Jackson (11th), Jackson (32nd),  
Simmons (13th)

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 21

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL 19-25, 2021, AS "NATIVE PLANT  
2 APPRECIATION WEEK" IN MISSISSIPPI AND COMMENDING THE EFFORTS OF  
3 THE AUDUBON DELTA REGION OF THE NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY TO RAISE  
4 AWARENESS OF THE USE OF NATIVE PLANTS IN OUR STATE.

5 WHEREAS, native plants are an important part of the State of  
6 Mississippi's identity, natural heritage and history; and

7 WHEREAS, native plants provide important aesthetic, economic  
8 and ecological contributions that make Mississippi a special place  
9 to live; and

10 WHEREAS, the Pascagoula River Audubon Center in Moss Point  
11 and the Strawberry Plains Audubon Center in Holly Springs are part  
12 of the Audubon Delta Region with Louisiana and Arkansas.

13 Mississippi is two of 42 communities nationwide to be home to a  
14 National Audubon Society Education Center; and

15 WHEREAS, in the past 15 years, the Audubon Society has held  
16 successful native plant sales and has been awarded a large grant  
17 from Chemours for education in the use of native plants in the  
18 landscape. PRAC and SPAC has introduced the use of native plants  
19 in the landscape to residents both in their respective



communities, along the Mississippi Gulf Coast, and bordering in  
states; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to raise awareness, PRAC and SPAC have  
incorporated the native plants at city buildings, and placed signs  
at homes whose landscaping includes native plants; and

WHEREAS, native plants support many species of birds and many  
of those species of birds are found to be breeding within the  
State of Mississippi. Preserving native plant ecosystems is  
critical for the protection of birds, fish and other wildlife, as  
well as water quality in the State of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the Pascagoula River Audubon Chapter and SPAC of  
National Audubon Society, as well as other local organizations and  
businesses, continuously work to expand the market for  
Mississippi's native plants; and

WHEREAS, by cultivating plants native to Mississippi's  
habitat, we honor our natural heritage, sustain the beauty and  
benefits of our environmental resources, and preserve a natural  
link to wildland areas, both past and present:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby recognize the week of April 19-25,  
2021, as "Native Plant Appreciation Week" in Mississippi and urge  
all citizens to join in appreciating, enjoying and celebrating our  
floral diversity by taking advantage of the opportunities this  
week to learn more about our native plants, their habitats, and  
how to protect them, encouraging others to take a native plant



45 walk, visit a natural area or become involved in a restoration  
46 project as we join together to celebrate this precious heritage.

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
48 the Pascagoula River Audubon Center, the Holly Springs Strawberry  
49 Plains Center, forwarded to the Mississippi Museum of Natural  
50 History and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

