



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, native plant species are an important part of Washington's heritage providing valuable aesthetic, economic, and ecological contributions that make our state a special place to live; and

WHEREAS, Washington enjoys an amazing biodiversity with over 3,000 native plant species from rain forest plants on the Olympic peninsula to desert species in eastern Washington; and

WHEREAS, preserving native plant ecosystems is critical for protecting wildlife, birds, fish, and water quality in our state; and

WHEREAS, over 350 of our native plant species are listed as rare by the Washington Natural Heritage Program; and

WHEREAS, invasive species present a great threat to sustaining our native plant ecosystems and biodiversity;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Darlene Kordonowy, Mayor of the City of Bainbridge Island, do hereby proclaim the week of April 29 – May 5, 2007, as

Native Plant Appreciation Week

on Bainbridge Island, and I urge all citizens to join me in celebrating our floral diversity by learning more about our native plants and their habitats.



SIGNED this 24th day of April 2007

Darlene Kordonowy
Darlene Kordonowy, Mayor