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I support designating April as Native Plant Appreciation Month. As a participant in the the Backyard Habitat Certification program and a member of the Oregon Native Plant Society, growing plants in our yard native to Oregon is a priority for my family. In doing so, we provide habitat and food sources for native pollinators and wildlife. Also, native plants require less water. As more open land is used for construction, habitat and food sources for wildlife, are being destroyed. Encouraging citizens to landscape with natives helps replace these lost resources. So, you can see why I'd like to acknowledge the importance native plants at the state level!