

Resolution No. 2025-

**RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RECOGNIZING APRIL 2025 AS NATIVE PLANT MONTH IN SOLANO COUNTY AND
HONORING THE WILLIS LINN JEPSON CHAPTER OF THE CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT
SOCIETY AND THE SOLANO RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT FOR THEIR
CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARD PROTECTION OF CALIFORNIA'S NATIVE PLANTS AND
HABITAT**

WHEREAS, April 1, 2025, marks the beginning of Native Plant Month in Solano County and the State of California. The State Legislature established California Native Plant Month in 2023 in recognition of the state's globally significant native plants; and

WHEREAS, the Willis Linn Jepson Chapter of the California Native Plant Society (CNPS) encompasses Solano County and is named after Willis Linn Jepson, a Vacaville native born in 1867, who would go on to become a world-renowned botanist and co-founder of the Sierra Club. Jepson was interested in botany from a young age and received his education in botany from U.C. Berkeley, where he would eventually go on to become a professor. The Jepson Prairie in unincorporated Solano County, south of Dixon, is named in his honor and is one of the largest remaining vernal pools in the state and a destination for observers of spring flowers; and

WHEREAS, as part of their work to protect and restore native plant habitat, the Willis Linn Jepson Chapter of the California Native Plant Society maintains a native plant nursery in Vallejo and participates in the CNPS Healthy Nurseries & Habitat Committee to help stop the spread of plant pathogens like sudden oak death. Volunteers also collect acorns and grow oaks at their nursery for the Re-Oak Solano Program; and

WHEREAS, The Solano Resource Conservation District (SRCD) has partnered with the County to improve habitat for Monarch butterflies and pollinating insects. In late 2024, the County and SRCD entered into an agreement to create a butterfly and pollinator habitat on county-owned land near the Nut Tree Airport in Vacaville. The ground was seeded over winter and is already in bloom with bees and insects buzzing about. This project was done with the help of a grant from the California State Wildlife Conservation Board.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Solano County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes April 2025 as Native Plant Month in Solano County and honors the Willis Linn Jepson Chapter of the California Native Plant Society and the Solano Resource Conservation District for their contributions toward the protection of California's native plants and habitat.

Dated this 22nd day of April 2025

MITCH H. MASHBURN, Chair
Solano County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
BILL EMLLEN, Clerk
Solano County Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Alicia Draves, Chief Deputy Clerk