

Testimony in support of H5099

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Dear Mr. Mansolillo,

I am writing to voice my support for H5099.

Please present my testimony at the Environment and Hearing

I am a member of the Little Compton Garden Club and the State Chairwoman for an initiative to proclaim the month of May as Native Plant month. I clearly feel very strongly that Native Plants are essential to the health of the ecosystems of Rhode Island.

The use of Native Plants is also an excellent opportunity to beautify our roads and highways with plants, shrubs, and trees that are native to Rhode Island.

In an ideal world the Department of Transportation would also mow less and create more meadows and shaded areas with trees that are Native to Rhode Island.

Governor McKee has issued a proclamation that April is Native Plant Month in 2023 and 2024. We have submitted our request for 2025.

Michelle McGaw sponsored a Proclamation that April be Native Plant Month in 2024, that was passed and issued. We are in discussion with her about passing a permanent proclamation.

Sincerely,

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