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Hello there my name is Bryan Jombo I am a 7th grader from loch raven technical academy and I am a part of Green Club. I greatly support Bill HB217 about the month of May being the national native plants month.

Native plants are extremely important to the environment and ecosystem because they support different species of animals like for example the monarch butterfly. The monarch butterfly is beautiful but can only eat a single type of native plant called the milk weed. This means that if there isn't enough milk weed then the population of monarch butterflies drops.



Native plants are also especially good and have strong and deep roots. This is important because it holds ground in place. This helps make sure that landslides won't happen. This is because the loose ground that would be used in a landslide is instead set in by the roots of the native plants; it also conserves water which non-native plants can't because their roots aren't big or strong enough.

So, with those reasons this is why I think that May, which is also conveniently my birthday month, should be the native plants month. I urge you to support HB217.