SENATE ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 110

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 30, 2023

The Senate Environment and Energy Committee favorably reports Senate Joint Resolution No. 110.

This joint resolution would designate the month of April of each year as "New Jersey Native Plants Month" in order to encourage the increased cultivation and ongoing regenerative care of native plants throughout New Jersey and increase public awareness of the specific benefits that native plants provide to this State. The Governor would be requested to annually issue a proclamation recognizing the month and calling upon public officials, businesses, educational institutions, and citizens in the State to observe the month, by planting or providing regenerative care to native plants in the State, removing non-native invasive plants from the State, engaging in educational activities to learn about the benefits and importance of preserving New Jersey's native plant stock, and engaging in other appropriate activities and programs.

"New Jersey Native Plants Month" would supplant and replace "Native Plants Appreciation Month," which is currently observed, in the State, in June of each year.