

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2003**

**SESSION LAW 2003-426
HOUSE BILL 47**

**AN ACT ADOPTING THE CAROLINA LILY AS THE OFFICIAL WILDFLOWER
OF NORTH CAROLINA.**

Whereas, North Carolina is blessed with an abundance of wildflowers from the mountains to the coast; and

Whereas, the Carolina Lily is a scarce and beautiful flower that is found throughout North Carolina in upland pine-oak woods and pocosins; and

Whereas, the Carolina Lily (*Lilium michauxii*) is one of many plants named for the distinguished French botanist Andre Michaux who traveled widely in the southeastern United States; and

Whereas, Andre Michaux (1747-1802), a genuine hero of science and exploration, referred to the North Carolina mountains as "the great botanical laboratory and paradise of North America"; and

Whereas, the Carolina Lily, sometimes referred to as Michaux's Lily, bears up to six reddish-yellow, spotted flowers with petals that bend backwards; and

Whereas, each nodding flower grows to about three inches in diameter; and

Whereas, this magnificent flower bears the name of our great State; and

Whereas, the State of North Carolina does not have an official wildflower;
Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Chapter 145 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 145-19. State wildflower.

The Carolina Lily (*Lilium michauxii*) is adopted as the official wildflower of the State of North Carolina."

SECTION 2. The title of Chapter 145 of the General Statutes reads as rewritten:

"Chapter 145.

~~State Flower, Bird, Tree, Shell, Mammal, Fish, Insect, Stone, Reptile and Rock,
Beverage, Historical Boat, Language, Dog, Military Academy, Tartan, Watermelon
Festival, Symbols and Other Official Adoptions."~~

SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.
In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 10th day of July, 2003.

s/ Beverly E. Perdue
President of the Senate

s/ Richard T. Morgan
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ Michael F. Easley
Governor

Approved 10:44 a.m. this 19th day of August, 2003