State Flower

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APPLE BLOSSOM

The apple blossom, the symbol of springtime beauty and the bounty of Michigan's orchards and agricultural lands, has been the official State Flower since its adoption by the Legislature on April 28, 1897. The resolution stated "a refined sentiment seems to call for the adoption of a State Flower." It continued, "Our blossoming apple trees add much to the beauty of our landscape, and Michigan apples have gained a worldwide reputation…one of the most fragrant and beautiful species of apple, the *Pyrus coronaria*, is native to our state." Michigan has been one of the leading producers of apples and apple products since those early days.

(Joint Resolution No. 10 of 1897)