



## *Syringa* 'Declaration'



**Botanical Name:**

*Syringa* 'Declaration'  
(NA 62975; PI 641804)

**Hardiness:**

USDA Zones 5-7.

**Development:**

'Declaration' is a selection from a controlled hybridization between *Syringa* 'Sweet Charity' and *Syringa* x *hyacinthiflora* 'Pocahontas' made by Don Egolf in 1978, and released in March 2006. It is a product of the lilac hybridization program at the U.S. National Arboretum and follows the release of 'Betsy Ross' in 2000.

**Significance:**

'Declaration' was selected for its large fragrant striking dark reddish-purple inflorescences and open upright growth habit. It performs best in traditional cooler lilac-growing regions.

**Description:**

**Height and width:** 8.5 feet tall and 6.75 feet wide in 25 years.

**Habit:** Deciduous, open, upright rounded shrub.

**Foliage:** Medium green, clean foliage.

**Flowers:** Large, abundant, reddish-purple fragrant inflorescences in early spring.

**Propagation:**

Semi-hardwood cuttings taken in late spring immediately after flowering root in six weeks under mist with 3000-5000 ppm IBA, or it can be tissue cultured.

**Landscape Use:**

Background planting in the shrub border, specimen plant, deciduous hedge or screen, mass planted in large areas.

**Availability:**

For a list of wholesale nurseries propagating this plant, contact Dr. Margaret Pooler, U.S. National Arboretum, 3501 New York Ave., NE, Washington, DC 20002-1958, poolerm@ars.usda.gov