

**RESOLUTION \_\_ -09**

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has recently begun work to improve and enhance the Mahan Drive transportation corridor; and

WHEREAS, Mahan Drive serves as a gateway into Leon County and is rich in history; and

WHEREAS, Fred A. Mahan's Monticello Nursery donated plants to the county unemployment relief commission to be used for beautification of highways, churchyards, and cemeteries in 1932; and

WHEREAS, over \$20,000 of the donated plants were placed along the Tallahassee-to-Monticello highway and continue to be recognized today as a scenic corridor linking Jefferson and Leon Counties; and

WHEREAS, the Leon County community highly values the majestic trees and their preservation as seen through the commitment of the Leon County Board of County Commissioners, its policies and procedures, and the Canopy Roads Citizens Committee; and

WHEREAS, the sitting Leon County Board of County Commissioners supports the enhancement of Mahan Drive but wishes to see its scenic and historic character retained; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Transportation is exempted by Florida Statutes from compliance with local environmental regulations that exceed the requirements of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the landscaping plan as proposed calls for over 2,500 new plantings including live oaks, arbor vitae, crape myrtles and pindo palms;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the Florida Department of Transportation is encouraged to review all of the tree removals, minimize the number of trees removed, seriously consider design changes that are minor, and retain the original concept of landscaping throughout the Mahan Drive improvements project.

DATED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, A.D., 2009.

**LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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