

RESOLUTION: 10-_____

WILDFLOWER PILOT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the natural beauty of native wildflowers in Leon County can be enjoyed by everyone; can attract guests, and benefit commerce, environmental health, and public well-being; and

WHEREAS, enjoyment of native wildflowers is an occasion for all County and community leaders to unite for the benefit of everyone; and

WHEREAS, many naturally beautiful species of native wildflowers, including *Coreopsis*, the state wildflower, as depicted upon the State Wildflower license tag, are already prominently displayed along Leon County's state and county roadways; and

WHEREAS, Leon County was selected as the site of the State Capitol because of its natural beauty; and

WHEREAS, increasing the visibility of native wildflowers in Leon County is consistent with the vision of the Comprehensive Plan, and goals of many individuals, businesses, and community-based organizations; and

WHEREAS, the presence of native wildflowers is essential to the fitness of native pollinator species necessary for productive and profitable farms and forests; and

WHEREAS, in the spring of 1513, Juan Ponce de Leon named this beautiful place La Florida, Land of Flowers, because of the wealth of native wildflowers; and

WHEREAS; this beautiful county is named in honor of Ponce de Leon and his remarkable accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, in the year 2013, native wildflowers will be a prominent icon of Florida's and Leon County's quincennial celebration of Spain in Florida; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and attainable to experience the beauty of many more native wildflowers by reducing the frequency and extent of roadside mowing; and

WHEREAS, State Road 261, Woodville Highway and County Road 2203, Springhill Road are ideal candidates to establish pilot project corridors for management of native wildflowers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, Florida, that Leon County is committed to establishing a Wildflower Pilot Program and that the Board hereby instructs County staff to partner with the Florida Department of Transportation and adjoining property owners, along designated segments of roadways, to plan and implement roadside management practices that will increase the visibility and enjoyment of Florida native wildflowers.

DONE AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Leon County,
Florida, this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____
Bob Rackleff, Chairman
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

Bob Inzer, Clerk of the Circuit Court

BY: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY
LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____
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County Attorney