

WILDFLOWER RESOLUTION # 2014-10

WHEREAS, the natural beauty of native wildflowers in Calhoun County can be enjoyed by everyone; can attract tourists, 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 Calhoun County's state and county roadways; and

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

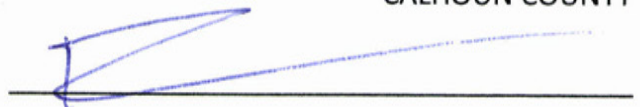
WHEREAS, the presence of native wildflowers is essential to the fitness of native pollinator species needed for productive and profitable farms and forests; and

WHEREAS, the passage of this resolution would be a fitting tribute to the work and dedication to wildflowers exemplified by our dear friend and colleague Angus Gholson, Northwest Florida's beloved Botanist; and

WHEREAS, passage of the resolution will enable the County to access funds and expertise from the Florida Wildflower Foundation to help establish candidate pilot corridors and wildflower plots as well as collaborate with Florida Department of Transportation on the frequency and extent of mowing on said corridors;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Calhoun County, Florida, does hereby commit and encourage others to commit to the conservation of native wildflowers on project corridors along state and county roadways and other off-roadway locations, and does hereby encourage County staff to partner with the Florida Wildflower Foundation's Panhandle Wildflower Alliance, county stakeholders, and landowners, to plan and implement management practices that will increase the visibility and enjoyment of Florida's native wildflowers.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CALHOUN COUNTY



ATTEST:

