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RESOLUTION R2016-115

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA COMMITTING TO THE CONSERVATION OF ROADSIDE NATIVE WILDFLOWERS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND ADJOINING PROPERTY OWNERS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the natural beauty of native wildflowers in Escambia 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 Escambia county's state and county roadways; and

WHEREAS, increasing the visibility of native wildflowers in Escambia 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, it is desirable and attainable to experience the beauty of many more native wildflowers by reducing the frequency and extent of roadside mowing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the Board of County Commissioners of Escambia County, Florida, do hereby commit and encourage others to commit to the conservation of roadside native wildflowers on state and county roadways, and do hereby instruct County staff to partner with the Florida Department of Transportation and adjoining property owners to plan and implement roadside management

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practices that will increase the visibility and enjoyment of Florida native wildflowers.

ADOPTED this 1st day of September, 2016.

BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

Approved as to form and legal
sufficiency.

By/Title: B. Ellis IV ACA
Date: 09.24.16

By: [Signature]
Grover C. Robinson, IV, Chairman

ATTEST: Pam Childers
Clerk of the Circuit Court

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Deputy Clerk

