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3 **RESOLUTION 2010 - 59**

4 **A RESOLUTION OF THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**
5 **SUPPORTING THE CONSERVATION OF ROADSIDE NATIVE WILDFLOWERS**

6 **WHEREAS**, the natural beauty of native wildflowers in Lake County can be enjoyed by
7 everyone, can attract guests, and benefit commerce, environmental health, and public well-being;
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10 **WHEREAS**, many naturally beautiful species of native wildflowers, including
11 Coreopsis, the state wildflower, as depicted upon the State Wildflower license tag, are already
12 prominently displayed along Lake County and state roadways; and

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

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

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20 **WHEREAS**, in the year 2013, native wildflowers will be a prominent icon of Florida's
21 quincentennial celebration of Spain in Florida; and

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23 **WHEREAS**, the presence of roadside native wildflowers is a visible symbol of a
24 community's commitment to conservation of natural resources, biodiversity and scenic beauty;
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27 **WHEREAS**, it is desirable and attainable to experience the beauty of many more native
28 wildflowers by reducing the frequency and extent of roadside mowing; and

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30 **WHEREAS**, carefully timed and planned mowing along some roadsides can minimize
31 energy consumption, reduce expenditures, and conserve and restore plant and animal species
32 diversity while maintaining the safe and sustainable operation of the roadway;

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34 **WHEREAS**, segments of the county are ideal candidates to establish pilot project
35 corridors for management of native wildflowers.

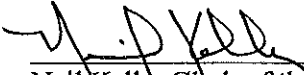
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37 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of
38 Lake County, Florida, does hereby encourage the conservation of roadside native wildflowers on
39 state and county roadways and roadside management practices that will increase the visibility
40 and enjoyment of Florida native wildflowers.

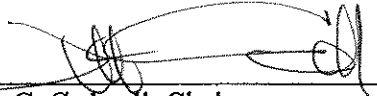
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43 **DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 1st day of June, 2010.
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1 Resolution 2010-59 Supporting the Conservation of Roadside Native Wildflowers

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5 ATTEST:


BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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11 Neil Kelly, Clerk of the
12 Board of County Commissioners
of Lake County, Florida


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11 Welton G. Cadwell, Chairman

12 This 1st day of June, 2010.

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15 Approved as to form and legality:

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19 Melánie N. Marsh
20 Acting County Attorney