

Resolution 12-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LIVE OAK, FLORIDA, IN SUPPORT OF THE USE OF THE FLORIDA STATE WILDFLOWER TO BEAUTIFY THE CITY OF LIVE OAK.

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

WHEREAS, increasing the visibility of native wildflowers in the City of Live Oak 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;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LIVE OAK, FLORIDA, as follows:

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Live Oak, Florida does hereby commit to the conservation of roadside native wildflowers on City roadways and properties.

SECTION 2. This Board further instructs City staff to collaborate with the Florida Department of Transportation, the local Community Redevelopment Agency, adjoining property owners, and participants in the Adopt-a-Highway Program to plan and implement practices that will increase the visibility and enjoyment of Florida native wildflowers.

SECTION 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of Live Oak, Florida this 10th day of April, 2012.