

RESOLUTION NO. 9-2012

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TITUSVILLE, FLORIDA SUPPORTING FLORIDA WILDFLOWER IN TITUSVILLE BY PARTNERING WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND ADJOINING PROPERTY OWNERS TO PLAN AND IMPLEMENT ROADSIDE MANAGEMENT PRACTICES THAT WILL INCREASE THE VISIBILITY AND ENJOYMENT OF FLORIDA NATIVE WILDFLOWERS, AND TO INCREASE THE VISIBILITY AND KNOWLEDGE OF FLORIDA'S NATIVE WILDFLOWER SPECIES: AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the natural beauty of native wildflowers in City of Titusville 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 City 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 city, state and county roadways; and

WHEREAS, increasing the visibility of native wildflowers in the City of Titusville 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

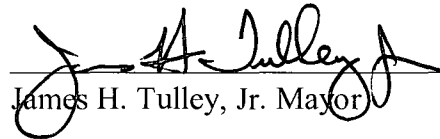
WHEREAS, in the year 2013, native wildflowers will be a prominent icon of Florida's and City's quincennial celebration of Spain in Florida; and

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

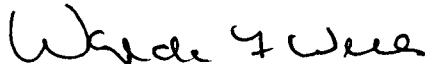
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TITUSVILLE, FLORIDA do hereby commit and encourage others to commit to the

conservation of roadside native wildflowers on state, county and city roadways, and do hereby instruct City staff to partner with the Florida Department of Transportation and adjoining property owners to plan and implement roadside management practices that will increase the visibility and enjoyment of Florida native wildflowers.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of April, 2012.


James H. Tulley, Jr. Mayor

ATTEST:


Wanda F. Wells, City Clerk

