

RESOLUTION NO. 2010 -68

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING
WILDFLOWERS AND THE ROADSIDE MANAGEMENT OF WILDFLOWERS ALONG THE
ST. JOHNS RIVER TO THE SEA LOOP TRAILS PROJECT**

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

WHEREAS, increasing the visibility of native wildflowers in Volusia 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, in the year 2013, native wildflowers will be a prominent icon of Florida's and Volusia County'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

WHEREAS, it is recommended that all scenic highways in Volusia County should have a beautification plan in their Corridor Management Plan that describes current landscaping along medians and shoulders as well as a plan for future planting; and

WHEREAS, the roads and trails along the St. Johns River to the Sea Loop Corridor are ideal candidates to establish pilot project corridors for management of native wildflowers;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN OPEN MEETING DULY ASSEMBLED IN COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN THE THOMAS C. KELLY ADMINISTRATION CENTER, DELAND, FLORIDA, THIS 6TH DAY OF MAY, A.D. 2010, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I: That the County Council of Volusia 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 encourage County 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.

SECTION II: This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

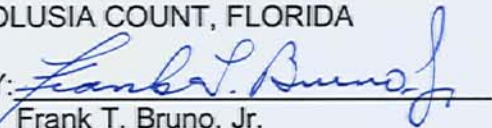
DONE AND ORDERED IN OPEN MEETING.

ATTEST:



James T. Dinneen
COUNTY MANAGER/Clerk

COUNTY COUNCIL
VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: 

Frank T. Bruno, Jr.
COUNTY CHAIR