

Resolution No. 14-2

**Dealing with the Planting of Native Wildflowers in Washington County, Florida**

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

**WHEREAS**, increasing the visibility of native wildflowers in Washington County is consistent with the vision of the Comprehensive Plan, and goals of many individuals, businesses, and community-based organizations; and; read entire model resolution.

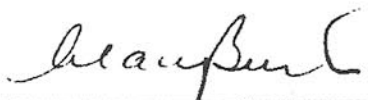
**WHEREAS**, the presence of native wildflowers is essential to the fitness of native pollinator species necessary for productive and profitable farms and forests; and

**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; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of Washington 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 practices that will increase the visibility and enjoyment of Florida native wildflowers.

**Board of County Commissioners  
Washington County**



Chairman

May 26, 2014