RESOLUTION

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the natural beauty of native wildflowers in Franklin County can be enjoyed by everyone; can attract guests, and benefit commerce, environmental health, and public well being; 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 Franklin County's state and county roadways; 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 names this beautiful place La Florida, Land of Flowers, because of the wealth of native wildflowers; and

WHEREAS, State Road 65 is an ideal candidate to establish pilot project corridors for management of native wildflowers;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners 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 enjoyments of Florida native wildflowers.

DONE, ADOPTED, AND PASSED by the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners this 6th day of March, 2012.

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY-COMMISSIONERS:

Pinki C. Jackel, Chairman

ATTEST:

BY: Marcia M. Johnson, Clerk