

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NUMBER 12-3.7

A RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO THE CONSERVATION OF ROADSIDE NATIVE
WILDFLOWERS ON STATE AND COUNTY ROADWAYS

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

WHEREAS, increasing the visibility of native wildflowers in Martin 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 Martin County's quincentennial 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.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Martin 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.

Duly adopted this 13th day of March 2012.

ATTEST:


MARSHA EWING
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA


EDWARD V. CIAMPI, CHAIRMAN

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
CORRECTNESS:


STEPHEN FRY, COUNTY ATTORNEY