

Resolution 2012-322

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2 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
3 COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA,
4 COMMITTING TO THE CONSERVATION OF ROADSIDE
5 WILD FLOWERS ON STATE AND COUNTY ROADWAYS,
6 INSTRUCTING COUNTY STAFF TO PARTNER WITH
7 LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES, THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT
8 OF TRANSPORTATION, AND ADJACENT PROPERTY
9 OWNERS TO PLAN AND IMPLEMENT ROADSIDE
10 MANAGEMENT PRACTICES TO INCREASE THE
11 VISIBILITY AND ENJOYMENT OF FLORIDA NATIVE
12 WILDFLOWERS AND REQUESTING THAT A CERTIFIED
13 COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE TRANSMITTED TO THE
14 NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION, THE FLORIDA
15 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AND THE
16 BROWARD LEAGUE OF CITIES.

17 (Sponsored by Vice-Mayor Kristin Jacobs)

18 WHEREAS, the natural beauty of native wildflowers in Broward County can be
19 enjoyed by everyone, can attract guests and benefit commerce, environmental health,
20 and public well-being; and

21 WHEREAS, the enjoyment of native wildflowers is an occasion for all Broward
22 County and community leaders to unite for the benefit of everyone; and

23 WHEREAS, many naturally beautiful species of native wildflowers, including
24 Coreopsis, the state wildflower, as depicted upon the state wildflower license tag, are
already prominently displayed along Broward County's roadways; and

WHEREAS, increasing the visibility of native wildflowers in Broward County is
consistent with the vision of NatureScape Broward, and goals of many individuals,
businesses, schools, 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

1 WHEREAS, in the spring of 1513, Juan Ponce de Leon named this beautiful
2 place La Florida, Land of Flowers, because of the wealth of native wildflowers; and

3 WHEREAS, in the year 2013, native wildflowers will be a prominent icon of
4 Florida's and Broward County's quincentennial celebration of Spain in Florida; and

5 WHEREAS, it is desirable and attainable to experience the beauty of many more
6 native wildflowers by reducing the frequency and extent of roadside mowing; and

7 WHEREAS, the Florida Wildflower Foundation's La Florida program of the
8 provides planting grants of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) for agencies and organizations
9 within counties that have adopted an acceptable Wildflower Resolution; and

10 WHEREAS, Griffin Road, Orange Drive, and Coconut Creek Parkway are ideal
11 candidates to establish pilot project corridors for management of native wildflowers;
12 NOW, THEREFORE,

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14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
15 BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA:

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17 Section 1. The Board of County Commissioners of Broward County commits
18 and encourages others to commit to the conservation of roadside native wildflowers on
19 state and county roadways.

20 Section 2. The Board of County Commissioners of Broward County directs
21 County staff to partner with local municipalities and the Florida Department of
22 Transportation and adjacent property owners to plan and implement roadside
23 management practices that will increase the visibility and enjoyment of Florida native
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1 wildflowers, and to pursue partnerships for pilot project corridors for management of
2 native wildflowers.

3 Section 3. The Board of County Commissioners of Broward County directs the
4 County Administrator to provide a certified copy of this resolution to the National Wildlife
5 Federation, the Florida Department of Transportation, the Broward League of Cities,
6 and the Florida Wildflower Foundation.

7 Section 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

8 This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

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10 ADOPTED this 8th day of May, 2012. #34.
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