RESOLUTION 2019-091

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, OF CITRUS COUNTY, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA SUPPORTING THE USE OF FLORIDA NATIVE WILDFLOWERS WITHIN THE PUBLIC PROPERTIES OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

WHEREAS, increasing the visibility of native wildflowers in Citrus County is consistent with the vision of the Comprehensive Plan, and goals for many individuals, businesses, and community-based organizations; and

WHEREAS, the natural beauty of native wildflowers in Citrus 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 of Citrus 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 Citrus 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 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

WHEREAS, CR491, CR581, and CR480 are ideal candidates to establish pilot project corridors for management of wildflowers.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners, of Citrus County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, in regular session this 24nd day of September, 2019, to hereby commit and encourage others to commit to the conservation of native wildflowers on state and county public property, and do hereby instruct County staff to partner with applicable State agencies and adjoining property owners to plan and implement management practices that will increase the visibility and enjoyment of Florida native wildflowers in Citrus County.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA

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