

RESOLUTION NO. 2012- 044

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE USE OF FLORIDA NATIVE WILDFLOWERS IN INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA

WHEREAS, the natural beauty of native wildflowers in Indian River County is enjoyed by everyone, attracts guests to our county, benefits commerce, and promotes environmental health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, the promotion and enjoyment of native wildflowers is a matter upon which all county and community leaders can unite for the benefit of everyone; and

WHEREAS, many beautiful species of native wildflowers, including Coreopsis, which is the Florida State Wildflower and is depicted on the State Wildflower license tag, are already prominently displayed along many of the state and county roadways in Indian River County; and

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

WHEREAS, the presence of native wildflowers is essential to the vitality 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 Indian River County's quincentennial celebration of Spain and 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 Indian River County, Florida, does hereby commit and encourage others to commit to the conservation of roadside native wildflowers on state and county roadways, and does 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.

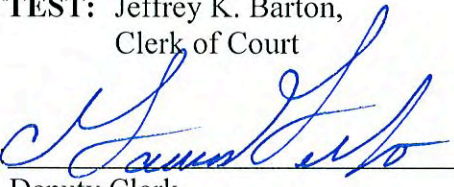
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The foregoing resolution was moved for adoption by Commissioner Davis, and said motion was seconded by Commissioner Solari and, upon being put to a vote, the vote was, as follows:

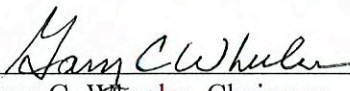
Chairman Gary C. Wheeler	<u>Aye</u>
Vice Chairman Peter D. O'Bryan	<u>Aye</u>
Commissioner Wesley S. Davis	<u>Aye</u>
Commissioner Joseph E. Flescher	<u>Aye</u>
Commissioner Bob Solari	<u>Aye</u>

The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 22 day of May, 2012.


ATTEST: Jeffrey K. Barton,
Clerk of Court

By: 
Deputy Clerk

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: 
Gary C. Wheeler, Chairman

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency.

By: 
Alan S. Polackwich, Sr., County Attorney

