

LEE COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 11-03-34

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LEE COUNTY TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND ENTER INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA WILDFLOWER FOUNDATION GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE PLANTING OF FLORIDA NATIVE WILDFLOWERS ALONG STATE OR COUNTY ROADWAYS

This is a Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners, Lee County, Florida, a political subdivision of the State, authorizing the execution of a grant agreement with The Florida Wildlife Foundation.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT IS RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

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

WHEREAS, increasing the visibility of native wildflowers in Lee County is consistent with the vision of the Comprehensive Plan, LeeScape Master 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 Lee 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; and

WHEREAS, such roads as State Road 80 (Palm Beach Blvd.) and County Road 876 (Daniels Pkwy.) and Fowler St. Ext. are ideal candidates to establish pilot project corridors for management of native wildflowers;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Lee 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 Wildflower Foundation, 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.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Commissioner Judah, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Manning and, being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

BRIAN BIGELOW	<u>Aye</u>
JOHN MANNING	<u>Aye</u>
RAY JUDAH	<u>Aye</u>
TAMMARA HALL	<u>Aye</u>
FRANK MANN	<u>Aye</u>

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED this 29th day of March, 2011.

ATTEST:
CHARLIE GREEN, CLERK

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Marcia Wilson
Deputy Clerk

By: [Signature]
Chair



APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: [Signature]
Office of County Attorney