

RESOLUTION 2015-08-12

WHEREAS, the natural beauty of nature and wildflowers in Madison 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 Madison County state and county road ways; and

WHEREAS, increasing the visibility of native wildflowers in Madison 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 in forest; 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

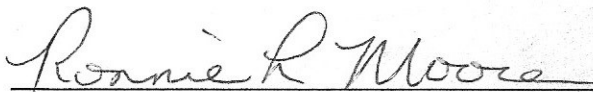
WHEREAS, in the year 2013, native wildflowers were a prominent icon of Florida's and Madison County's quincentennial celebration of Spain in Florida; and

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

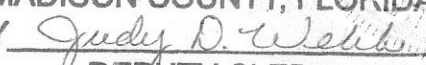
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Madison County, Florida, does hereby commit and encourage others to commit to the conservation of roadside native wildflowers on state and county roadways, and do hereby instruct county staff to partner with the Madison Garden Club and 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.

PASSED in regular session this 12th day of August, 2015.

MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Ronnie Moore, Chairman


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