

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-R- 244**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE USE OF FLORIDA NATIVE WILDFLOWERS WITHIN THE PUBLIC PROPERTIES OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

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

**WHEREAS**, the natural beauty of native wildflowers in Marion 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 Marion 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,

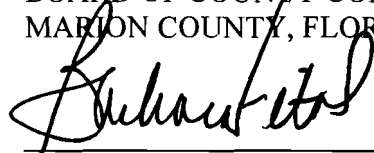
**WHEREAS**, in the year 2013, native wildflowers will be a prominent icon of Florida's and Marion County's quincentennial celebration of Spain in Florida;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Marion County, Florida do 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 Marion County.

**DULY ADOPTED** in regular session this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2010.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST:



BARBARA FITOS, CHAIRMAN



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