

RESOLUTION 2022-71

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GROVELAND, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE CONSERVATION OF ROADSIDE NATIVE WILDFLOWERS; PROVIDING DIRECTIONS AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the natural beauty of native wildflowers in the City of Groveland, can be enjoyed by everyone, can attract guests, and benefit commerce, environmental health, and public well-being; 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 Lake County and state 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, 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 quincennial celebration of Spain in Florida; and

WHEREAS, the presence of roadside native wildflowers is a visible symbol of a community's commitment to conservation of natural resources, biodiversity and scenic beauty; 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, carefully timed and planned mowing along some roadsides can minimize energy consumption, reduce expenditures, and conserve and restore plant and animal species diversity while maintaining the safe and sustainable operation of the roadway;

WHEREAS, segments of the city are ideal candidates to establish pilot project corridors for management of native wildflowers

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GROVELAND, LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City of Groveland does hereby encourage the conservation of roadside native wildflowers on state, county and city roadways, as well as roadside management practices that will increase the visibility and enjoyment of Florida native wildflowers.

Section 2. The City Council hereby instructs the city manager or designee(s) 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.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council of the City of Groveland, Florida.

PASSED AND RESOLVED this 3rd day of October 2022, by the City Council of the City of Groveland, Florida.

Evelyn Wilson
Evelyn Wilson, Mayor
City of Groveland, Florida

ATTEST:

Virginia Wright
Virginia Wright, City Clerk



Approved as to Form:

Anita Geraci-Carver
Anita Geraci-Carver
City Attorney

Passed First Reading 10/3/2022

Council Member Gaines moved the passage and adoption of the above and foregoing Resolution. Motion was seconded by Council Member White and upon roll call on the motion the vote was as follows:

Vicel Mayor

	YEA	NAY
Barbara Gaines	✓	
Mike Radzik	✓	
Mike Smith	✓	
Randolph Waite	✓	
Evelyn Wilson	✓	