

Town of Windermere Wildflower Resolution

WHEREAS, the natural beauty of native wildflowers in the Town of Windermere, Orange, County, Florida 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 Town 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 Florida's state and county roadways; and

WHEREAS, increasing the visibility of native wildflowers in the Town of Windermere is consistent with the vision of the Town's 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 and forests; and

WHEREAS, in the spring of 1513, Juan Ponce de Leon name this beautiful place La Florida, Land of Flowers, because of the wealth of native wildflowers; 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 Town Council of the Town of Windermere, Orange County, Florida, do hereby commit and encourage others to commit to the conservation of roadside native wildflowers on town, state and county roadways, and do hereby instruct Town 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.

RESOLVED this _____ day of _____, 2015

TOWN COUNCIL OF WINDERMERE, ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Gary Bruhn, Mayor