Resolution 2012-322

WHEREAS, the natural beauty of native wildflowers in Broward County can be enjoyed by everyone, can attract guests and benefit commerce, environmental health, and public well-being; and

WHEREAS, the enjoyment of native wildflowers is an occasion for all Broward 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 Broward County’s roadways; and

WHEREAS, increasing the visibility of native wildflowers in Broward County is consistent with the vision of NatureScape Broward, and goals of many individuals, businesses, schools, 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 Broward 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, the Florida Wildflower Foundation’s La Florida program of the
provides planting grants of Five Hundred Dollars ($500) for agencies and organizations
within counties that have adopted an acceptable Wildflower Resolution; and
WHEREAS, Griffin Road, Orange Drive, and Coconut Creek Parkway are ideal
candidates to establish pilot project corridors for management of native wildflowers;
NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA:

Section 1. The Board of County Commissioners of Broward County commits
and encourages others to commit to the conservation of roadside native wildflowers on
state and county roadways.

Section 2. The Board of County Commissioners of Broward County directs
County staff to partner with local municipalities and the Florida Department of
Transportation and adjacent property owners to plan and implement roadside
management practices that will increase the visibility and enjoyment of Florida native
wildflowers, and to pursue partnerships for pilot project corridors for management of
native wildflowers.

Section 3. The Board of County Commissioners of Broward County directs the
County Administrator to provide a certified copy of this resolution to the National Wildlife
Federation, the Florida Department of Transportation, the Broward League of Cities,
and the Florida Wildflower Foundation.

Section 4. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED this 8th day of **May**, 2012. #34.