RESOLUTION 2010 - 59

A RESOLUTION OF THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SUPPORTING THE CONSERVATION OF ROADSIDE NATIVE WILDFLOWERS

WHEREAS, the natural beauty of native wildflowers in Lake County 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 will be a prominent icon of Florida’s
quincentennial 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 county are ideal candidates to establish pilot project
corridors for management of native wildflowers.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of
Lake County, Florida, does hereby encourage the conservation of roadside native wildflowers on
state and county roadways and roadside management practices that will increase the visibility
and enjoyment of Florida native wildflowers,

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED this 1st day of June, 2010.
Resolution 2010-**Supporting the Conservation of Roadside Native Wildflowers**

**ATTEST:**

Neil Kelly, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of Lake County, Florida

Approved as to form and legality:

Melanie N. Marsh
Acting County Attorney

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Welton G. Cadwell, Chairman

This 1st day of June, 2010.