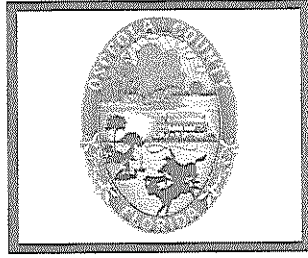
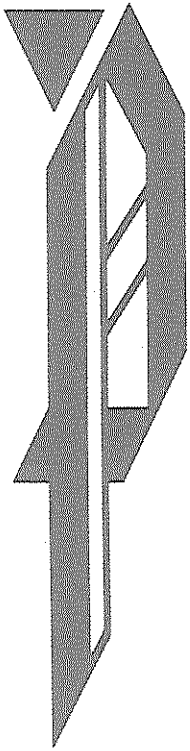


OSCEOLA COUNTY



Proclamation

*WHEREAS, native plant species are an important part of Osceola County's heritage, providing valuable aesthetic, economic and ecological contributions that make our county a special place to live and visit; and*

*WHEREAS, Osceola County enjoys an amazing biodiversity with over 800 native plant species; and*

*WHEREAS, native plants are keystone that feed and protect native wildlife, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and insects which are food for so many others species including young songbirds; and*

*WHEREAS, preserving native plant ecosystems is critical for protecting water quality for future generations; and*


*WHEREAS, invasive species present a great threat to sustaining our native plant ecosystems and biodiversity.*


*Now therefore, be it proclaimed, that the Osceola County Board of County Commissioners does hereby proclaim April 6-12, 2015 to be known as*


**NATIVE PLANT APPRECIATION WEEK**

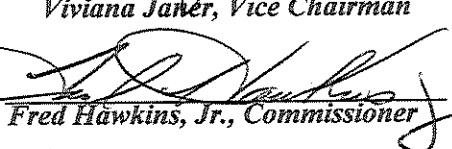
*DONE AND ADOPTED by the Osceola Board of County Commissioners at their regular Board meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of April 2015.*

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