

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 is home to amazing biodiversity, with more than 800 native plant species within varied ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, native plants are the ecological foundation that feeds and protects native wildlife including birds, reptiles, amphibians and insects, which are food for many other species, including young songbirds and migratory birds and butterflies; and

WHEREAS, native plant ecosystems provide flood protection and protect water quality; and

WHEREAS, many native plants are endangered or threatened species and must be protected; and

WHEREAS, invasive non-native species present a great threat to sustaining our native plant ecosystems and biodiversity; and

WHEREAS, Osceola County has an incredible wealth of natural areas to showcase our native plants and natural habitat to our citizens and visitors alike, and Florida Native Plant Society chapters across the state are working to support the preservation, conservation and restoration of the native plants and native plant communities of Florida.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Osceola Board of County Commissioners does hereby proclaim October 2018 to be known as

FLORIDA NATIVE PLANT MONTH IN OSCEOLA COUNTY

DONE AND ADOPTED by the Osceola Board of County Commissioners at its Board meeting on the 1st day of October 2018.

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OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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