



PROCLAMATION

FLORIDA NATIVE PLANT MONTH

WHEREAS, the Florida Native Plant Society (FNPS) began in 1980 in Winter Park, Florida by a group of scientists, educators, and conservationists concerned about the loss of Florida's native plants and the introduction of non-native species overtaking natural areas; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Florida Native Plant Society is the preservation, conservation, and restoration of the native plants and native plant communities of Florida, and

WHEREAS, the Society now consists of 33 chapters and over 6,000 members from all walks of life who volunteer their time, knowledge and skills in public workshops, participating in Land Management Reviews, restoration projects, workdays and teaching Floridians about the many benefits of native plants; and

WHEREAS, Sumter County has an incredible wealth of natural areas to showcase Florida's native plants and native plant communities; and

WHEREAS, The Villages and Sumter Chapters of FNPS has over 200 members who participate in activities that benefit the citizens and environment of Sumter County.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Sumter County Board of County Commissioners of Sumter County, Florida hereby proclaims:

The month of October as:

FLORIDA NATIVE PLANT MONTH

DONE AND PROCLAIMED this 8TH day of October, 2024, Sumter County, Florida.



Attest:


Deputy Clerk

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SUMTER COUNTY


Craig A. Estep
Chairman