

**Before the Board of County Commissioners
Martin County, Florida**

A Proclamation

Declaring Native Plant Month in Martin County, Florida

- Whereas,** Florida native plants are critical to the health of bees, butterflies and other insects and animals; and
- Whereas,** many native plants are endangered or threatened species that must be protected; 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,** since its founding by a group of scientists, educators and conservationists in 1980 in Winter Park, Florida, the Florida Native Plant Society has been at the forefront of the movement to save Florida’s native plants; and
- Whereas,** the society now consists of 37 chapters and 4,177 members from all walks of life who volunteer their time, knowledge and skills in public workshops, participating in Land Management Reviews, restoration projects and workdays.

Now, therefore, be it **proclaimed by the Martin County Board of County Commissioners** that October 2018 is Native Plant Month in Martin County, Florida. Further, the Board commends the members of the Martin County Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society for their efforts to educate Floridians about the many benefits of native plants and the need to preserve our natural communities for future generations.

Presented this Ninth Day of October 2018

ATTEST:

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