## A PROCLAMATION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 2024 AS "NATIVE PLANT MONTH" IN THE VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON

**WHEREAS,** native plants have existed in Florida for many thousands of years, so they are naturally adapted to our climate, soils, and wildlife; and

**WHEREAS,** by planting a diverse selection of native plants, you support the balance of nature; and

**WHEREAS,** using native plants can reduce the need for irrigation, fertilizers, and pesticides helping to create a yard that is environmentally sensitive and sensible; and

WHEREAS, native plants attract resident and migratory birds and butterflies in all forms (egg, caterpillar, and adult) as well as other insects; amphibians, and animals which play a role in sustaining our environment; and

**WHEREAS,** the natural beauty of native plants, especially wildflowers, can be enjoyed by everyone and are essential to the fitness of native pollinator species necessary for productive and profitable farms, gardens, and forests.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** the Village Council of Wellington, Florida, does hereby recognize October 2024 as "**NATIVE PLANT MONTH**" and encourage property owners to include native trees, shrubs and wildflowers in their landscape and implement practices that will protect our native pollinators in the Village of Wellington.

*IN WITNESS THEREOF,* I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Wellington, Florida to be affixed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024.

ATTEST:	VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON
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Chevelle D. Hall Village Clerk	Míchael J. Napoleone Mayor