

RESOLUTION NO. 2010- 21

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF PROTECTING NATIVE PLANTS AND PLANT COMMUNITIES; RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF REMOVAL OF NON-NATIVE PLANTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the St. Johns County Board of Commissioners recognizes the value of preserving St. Johns County's unique native plant species; and

WHEREAS, St. Johns County Board of Commissioners encourages the use and preservation of native plants and plant communities as provided in the Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Code; and

WHEREAS, St. Johns County coordinates with local partner agencies to restore publicly owned degraded natural areas through various means including the removal of non-native plants; and

WHEREAS, invasive non-native plants negatively impact native plants, animals, and ecotourism industries by displacing native plant communities, altering hydrologic regimes, altering the natural function of wetlands and waterways, degrading native habitat for native wildlife and negatively affecting the appearance and enjoyment of natural landscapes; and

WHEREAS, the annual negative impact of invasive non-native plant species to the United States economy is an estimated cost of \$120 billion; and

WHEREAS, St. Johns County is a participating member of the First Coast Invasive Working Group, an organization working across political boundaries to address the threat of invasive plant species in Northeast Florida.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, as follows:

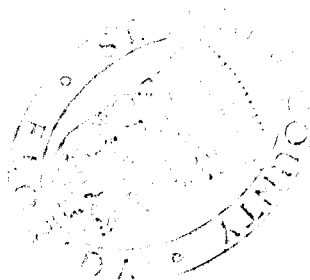
Section 1. The above Recitals are incorporated by reference into the body of this Resolution and such Recitals are adopted as findings of fact.

Section 2. The Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County hereby supports staff and partner agencies in their continued efforts to minimize the negative impacts of invasive plant species by reducing the further spread of invasive plants and by the removal of invasive plants in St. Johns County.

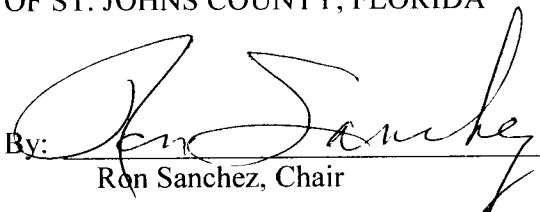
Section 3. The Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County hereby supports staff and partner agencies in their continued efforts to protect native plant species and restore native habitats in St. Johns County.

Section 4. This Resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, this 2nd day of February 2010.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: 
Ron Sanchez, Chair

ATTEST: Cheryl Strickland, Clerk

By: 
Deputy Clerk

RENDITION DATE 2/4/10