

## *Celebrate* **FLORIDA NATIVE PLANT MONTH**

### Suggested Proclamation Language:

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Native Plant Society began in the summer of 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 37 chapters and 3,500 members from all walks of life who volunteer their time, knowledge and skills in public workshops, Land Management Reviews, raising money for Conservation and Research grants, Landscape Awards, restoration projects and teaching Floridians about the benefits of native plants; and

**WHEREAS**, Orlando has an incredible wealth of natural areas to showcase Florida's native plants and native plant communities across 450 years of history; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Native Plant Society's Tarflower Chapter, encompassing the greater Orlando area, is an important part of bringing the Orange County community together through field trips, volunteer efforts, and the annual Backyard Biodiversity Day.

**NO THEREFORE**, I \_\_\_\_\_, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Orlando City Commissioner, do hereby proclaim the month of October as

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Declare October 2016 FLORIDA NATIVE PLANT MONTH in \_\_\_\_\_

**DONE AND ORDERED** this \_\_\_\_\_ 2016

(signature) \_\_\_\_\_

(Name and Title) \_\_\_\_\_