RESOLUTION NUMBER: 793

A RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO THE ESTALISHMENT OF A NEIGHBORHOOD WILDLIFE CORRIDORS EFFORT

WHEREAS, the establishment of native plants in neighborhood backyard setbacks will create wildlife corridors for migrating and other pollinating wildlife in Sewall's Point, Florida, and the wildlife that the native plants will attract provides benefit for the residents and their children, promote bio-diversity and environmental health and public well-being; and

WHEREAS, the presence of native plants creating as close to the original habitats or ecosystems that existed prior to the development in neighborhood backyard setbacks will provide greater habitat for native pollinators that will help preserve both native plants and wildlife species; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of native plant habitat and ecosystems in neighborhood backyard setbacks will assist with the reduction of exotic, invasive species; and

WHEREAS, once native plants are established, there is a low need for maintenance, including much less watering thereby saving money and resources; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of neighborhood wildlife corridors will teach children and adults alike about the workings of nature and help individuals to connect with nature, providing a sense of well-being; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of neighborhood wildlife corridors create healthy micro ecosystems and provide a balance so that it is hard for mono-species to dominate and, therefore, creates more ecological sustainability.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Commissioners of the Town of Sewall's Point do commit and encourage homeowners to plant native plants in their backyard setbacks consistent with the original ecosystems or habitats that were present before development to attract native and migratory wildlife.

DULY ADOPTED THIS _____ day of November, 2013.

TOWN OF SEWALL'S POINT, FLORIDA

Town Manager

Ann-Marie S. Basler, Town Clerk

ATTEST: