

ALACHUA COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALACHUA COUNTY,
FLORIDA, ADOPTING A TREE SPONSORSHIP POLICY**

WHEREAS, at its January 9, 2018 Board meeting, the Board of County Commissioners directed staff to finalize a policy that would allow for the planting of trees from the tree planting program on private property if circumstances warrant it;

WHEREAS, Alachua County Comprehensive Plan, Conservation and Open Spaces Management Element, Policy 5.3.4, states, in part, that “Tree preservation and planting of low-maintenance native vegetation should be pursued along public rights-of-way throughout the County, with special focus on entranceway corridors. (a) The County shall promote and protect the visual characteristics of canopy roads through tree planting programs and tree maintenance practices, in cooperation with other agencies and private landowners.”;

WHEREAS, trees planted and maintained in and near right-of-ways promote and protect the visual characteristics of canopy roads by promoting and protecting scenic beauty;

WHEREAS, Alachua County Comprehensive Plan, Energy Element, Policy 3.2.2 states that “The County shall protect and seek to increase tree canopy in the Urban Cluster”;

WHEREAS, trees planted and maintained in and near right-of-ways in the Urban Cluster increase the tree canopy;

WHEREAS, Alachua County Comprehensive Plan, Transportation Mobility Element, Policy 1.6.5, states that “Streets and roads shall be designed such that automobile and non-automobile modes of transportation are equitably served to the greatest extent possible... Design shall include strategies to calm automobile traffic, provide a pleasant pedestrian environment, and create safe, balanced, livable streets...”;

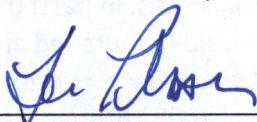
WHEREAS, trees planted and maintained in and near right-of-ways provide pleasant pedestrian environments and create safe, balanced, livable streets by promoting carbon dioxide absorption, oxygen production, dust filtration, reduction of wind, noise, and glare, soil stabilization and enrichment, erosion prevention, surface drainage improvement and aquifer recharge, water pollution reduction, energy conservation, temperature moderation, scenic beauty, quality of life, and the health, safety, welfare and well-being of the community.;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
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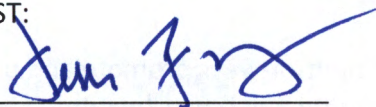
1. That Policy No. ____: Tree Sponsorship Policy is hereby adopted as the policy of the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners.
2. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Duly adopted in regular session, this __ day of AUGUST, A.D., 2018

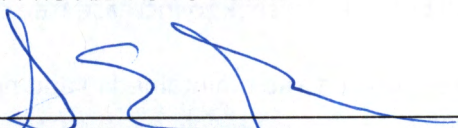
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By: 

Lee Pinkoson, Chair

ATTEST:


Jesse K. Irby, II
Clerk of Court

APPROVED AS TO FORM


Alachua County Attorney

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