

CITY OF WINTER PARK
proclamation

Florida Native Plant Month | October 2016

WHEREAS, the Florida Native Plant Society (FNPS) 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 introduction of non-native species overtaking natural areas; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the FNPS is the preservation, conservation, and restoration of the native plants and native plant communities of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the FNPS now consists of 38 chapters and 3,700 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, the City of Winter Park has an incredible wealth of natural areas to showcase Florida's native plants and native plant communities; and

WHEREAS, the Tarflower Chapter of FNPS have members who participate in activities that benefit the citizens and environment of the City of Winter Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Steve Leary, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Winter Park, in the state of Florida, do hereby proclaim the month of **October 2016** as "**Florida Native Plant Month**" in Winter Park, Florida.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Winter Park, Florida, to be affixed this 16th day of September 2016.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Leary", is written over a faint circular stamp.

Steve Leary
Mayor