

City of Sanibel

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: In 2015, the Florida Native Plant Society (FNPS) established the month of October as Florida Native Plant Month.

WHEREAS: Native plants are specifically adapted to Florida's rainfall patterns and soil conditions, and are more resistant to pests and diseases reducing the need for irrigation, fertilizers, and pesticides, thus promoting water conservation and water quality protection; and

WHEREAS: Native plants effectively combat erosional forces and strengthen coastal resiliency, and serve as the foundation for wildlife habitat and improve biodiversity by providing critical resources for pollinators, and other native and migratory wildlife;; and

WHEREAS: More than 3,000 species of native plants inhabit Florida and more than 250 occur nowhere else in the world; and

WHEREAS: The Sanibel Plan preserves the unique and natural characteristics of our Sanctuary Island through protection of native plants, environmentally responsible development, and the prohibition of invasive plant species; and

WHEREAS: Sanibel residents can show appreciation for Florida's native plants by choosing natives for landscaping projects and supporting efforts to restore and enhance native plant communities on Sanibel.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, the City Council of the City of Sanibel, Lee County Florida, on behalf of the citizens of Sanibel, do hereby declare October 2025, as Florida Native Plant Month on Sanibel Island, and urge all citizens to celebrate the ecological, cultural, and economic benefits of native vegetation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of the City of Sanibel to be affixed hereto.

This 7th day of October 2025


Mike Miller, Mayor


Holly D. Smith, Vice Mayor


Laura DeBruce, Councilmember


John Henshaw, Councilmember


Richard Johnson, Councilmember