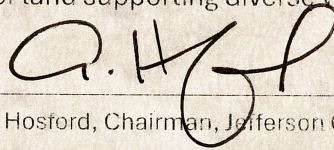


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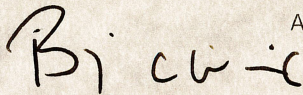
PROCLAMATION

FLORIDA WILDLIFE CORRIDOR FOUNDATION

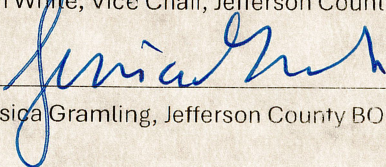
- WHEREAS, Jefferson County, Florida recognizes its place in and the importance of the Florida Wildlife Corridor as key to maintaining its pristine natural environment;
- WHEREAS, Jefferson County's mission statement, in part, is *TO PROTECT AND PRESERVE THE RURAL COMMUNITY, ATMOSPHERE, NATURAL ENVIRONMENT AND CULTURAL DIVERSITY*;
- WHEREAS, The County recognizes its alignment with the Florida Wildlife Corridor Foundation's mission to *CHAMPION A COLLABORATIVE CAMPAIGN TO PERMANENTLY CONNECT, PROTECT AND RESTORE THE FLORIDA WILDLIFE CORRIDOR – A STATEWIDE NETWORK OF CONNECTED LANDS AND WATERS THAT SUPPORT WILDLIFE AND PEOPLE*;
- WHEREAS, Jefferson County recognizes the key role of the Florida Wildlife Corridor Foundation in creating the Florida Wildlife Corridor Act passed by the Florida Legislature in 2021;
- WHEREAS, Jefferson County, the Keystone County, uniquely runs from Georgia to the Gulf shores and contains irreplaceable areas that, if developed, would open paths to detrimental development and block ecosystems, animals and habitats that make the County special;
- WHEREAS, Jefferson County commits to expending all efforts to protect and preserve these irreplaceable areas, and to sharing the work with the Florida Wildlife Corridor Foundation to achieve the above-mentioned goals;
- WHEREAS, Jefferson County commits to incorporating the Foundation's expertise and the Florida Wildlife Corridor Act of 2021 as guiding principles in its Comprehensive Plan;
- NOW, THEREFORE, Jefferson County makes this Proclamation and statement of partnership at the 15-year mark of the founding of the Florida Wildlife Corridor Foundation, when it was established to advocate for the protection and restoration of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, the vast network of land supporting diverse wildlife and ecosystems in our beautiful state.



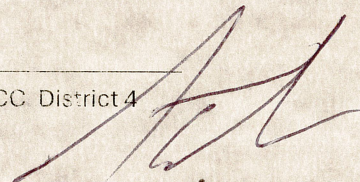
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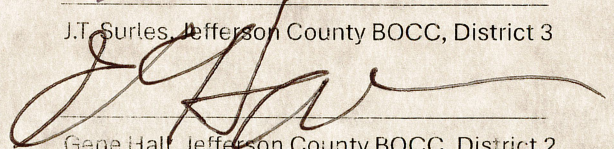
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