

Lee County Board Of County Commissioners
Agenda Item Summary

Blue Sheet No. **20030507**

1. REQUESTED MOTION:

ACTION REQUESTED:

Present Florida State Parks Month Resolution.

WHY ACTION IS NECESSARY:

WHAT ACTION ACCOMPLISHES:

2. DEPARTMENTAL CATEGORY:

COMMISSION DISTRICT #:

9:30 #2

3. MEETING DATE:

05-06-03

4. AGENDA:

- CONSENT
- ADMINISTRATIVE
- APPEALS
- PUBLIC
- WALK ON
- TIME REQUIRED:

5. REQUIREMENT/PURPOSE:

(Specify)

- STATUTE
- ORDINANCE
- ADMIN. CODE
- OTHER

6. REQUESTOR OF INFORMATION:

- A. COMMISSIONER Commissioner Janes
- B. DEPARTMENT County Commission
- C. DIVISION _____

BY: *Janes*
by hand

7. BACKGROUND:

8. MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:

9. RECOMMENDED APPROVAL:

A Department Director	B Purchasing or Contracts	C Human Resources	D Other	E County Attorney	F Budget Services				G County Manager
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N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

10. COMMISSION ACTION:

- APPROVED
- DENIED
- DEFERRED
- OTHER



The Board of County Commissioners

RESOLUTION

- WHEREAS: Florida's massive and diverse state park system, with over 600,000 acres and 158 parks, has received national recognition for its state parks partnerships, its cutting-edge resource management, its nature and heritage tourism programs and its environmental education value; and
- WHEREAS: Florida's beautiful state parks are vital to the environmental, economic and resource management goals of the state while providing a relaxing outdoor experience for visitors; and
- WHEREAS: Florida's state park system not only preserves these pristine natural areas forever, it also has a growing positive economic impact on Florida's local communities, which totaled \$551 million last year; and
- WHEREAS: Local state parks, such as Lovers Key State Park, in Bonita Springs, which has 10 employees, 716,000 annual visitors, an economic impact of \$12,189,905 or 365.7 jobs on the local community; Barriers Islands State Parks which includes Cayo Costa State Park, Gasparilla Island State Park, Upper Captiva, Don Pedro Island State Park, and Stump pass Beach State Park in Charlotte County and Lee County, which has 17 employees, 688,845 annual visitors, an economic impact of \$19,638,515 on the local community; Koreshan State Historic Site and Mound Key Archaeological State Park, in Estero, which have 11 employees, 53,823 annual visitors, an economic impact of \$134,196 and 38.4 jobs generated; these parks offer exceptional features such as the historic Boca Grande Lighthouse Museum, miles of pristine gulf beaches, shorebird and sea turtle sanctuaries, the Koreshan Historic Settlement and the 2000 year old Calusa Mounds, resulting in substantial enhancement of the quality of life for our citizens; and
- WHEREAS: 78 citizen support organizations and 6,000 volunteers support Florida's state park system and volunteers last year provided 906,000 hours of service, the equivalent of 435 full-time employees; and
- WHEREAS: Its volunteer programs, along with its innovative outsourcing programs, allow Florida's state park system to provide more services with fewer employees; and
- WHEREAS: Florida's state park system has some 18 million visitors last year from throughout Florida, the United States and the world, and attendance at Florida's state parks is growing with the worldwide boom in nature and heritage tourism; and
- WHEREAS: Florida's state parks are engaged in hundreds of partnerships with national and local parks in Florida to make these invaluable resources available to Florida citizens and visitors.

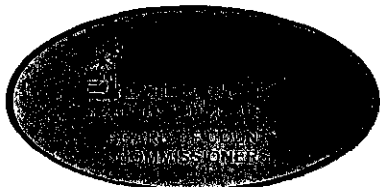
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE Board of County Commissioners of Lee County, Florida does hereby recognize the immense environmental and economic benefits of Florida State Parks to the state's local communities by designating May 2003 as

FLORIDA STATE PARKS MONTH

and encourage all citizens to enjoy, protect and support Florida's beautiful and diverse state parks in May 2003, and in the years to come so future generations of Floridians and visitors may also enjoy and learn about Florida's unique natural and cultural heritage through these priceless areas.

Duly Executed this 6th day of May 2003.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA



Chairman