

RESOLUTION
of the
SEMINOLE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ESTABLISHING THE FLORIDA SCRUB JAY AS THE OFFICIAL BIRD OF
SEMINOLE COUNTY AND EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR RECOGNIZING THE
FLORIDA SCRUB JAY AS FLORIDA’S OFFICIAL STATE BIRD

WHEREAS, the Florida Scrub Jay is the only bird that is endemic to Florida; and

WHEREAS, Florida does not have an “official” state bird according to Chapter 15 of the Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, Florida’s “unofficial” state bird, the Northern Mockingbird, is unoriginal as the state bird of Arkansas, Tennessee, Texas, and Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, establishing the Florida Scrub Jay as Florida’s official state bird is only symbolic and will not afford it any additional protections; and

WHEREAS, Seminole County is committed to setting a good example for its citizens regarding pride in Florida’s unique wildlife; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Scrub Jay embodies Seminole County’s and Florida’s unique ecosystems that attract attention from around the world; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Scrub Jay embodies honorable values of loyalty to family and hard work, which are important to Seminole County and Florida residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Seminole County Board of County Commissioners does hereby recognize the Florida Scrub Jay as the Official Bird of Seminole County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Seminole County Board of County Commissioners expresses its full support and recommendation that the Florida Scrub Jay be considered Florida’s official state bird.

ADOPTED this 28th day of March 2023



Amy Lockhart, Chairman
Seminole County Board of County Commissioners