

## RESOLUTION 08-2019

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MALABAR, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FLORIDA SANDHILL CRANE AS THE TOWN BIRD AND PROVIDING EXTRA PROTECTION FOR THESE BIRDS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, Malabar Town Council intends to designate the Florida Sandhill Crane as the official bird of the Town of Malabar.

**WHEREAS**, The Lesser Sandhill Crane (*Grus Canadensis Pratensis*) and Greater Sandhill Crane (*Grus Canadensis Tabida*) inhabit our region more abundantly than any other crane in the State of Florida.

**WHEREAS**, The Florida Sandhill Crane is protected by the U. S. Migratory Bird Treaty Act and as a State designated Threatened species by Florida's Endangered and Threatened Species Rule.

**WHEREAS**, The Florida (lesser) Sandhill Crane inhabits prairie, marshland and wetlands throughout Malabar. Also, the Greater Sandhill Crane (*Grus Canadensis Tabida*) winters in Florida between October- March. They forage for grains and invertebrates in this environment.

**WHEREAS**, The Town of Malabar will incorporate the Florida Sandhill Crane in marketing materials for the Town and utilize means of education and protection of this valuable component of our community by protecting their habitat.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town Council of the Town of Malabar, Florida, as follows:

**SECTION 1.** The Florida Sandhill Crane is hereby adopted and designated as the official bird of the Town of Malabar.

**SECTION 2.** All citizens of the Town of Malabar are encouraged to recognize the Sandhill Crane as the Official Bird of the Town of Malabar and are further encouraged to consider protecting and promoting the Sandhill Crane by not feeding the birds and protecting their habitats. The public should pay careful attention to the presence of Sandhill Cranes while traveling on the roads of the Town and should make every effort to: **1)** slow their travel speed to ten miles below the posted speed when Sandhill Cranes are present; **2)** avoid vehicular incidents with Sandhill Cranes; **3)** stop when necessary to avoid vehicular incidents with Sandhill Cranes; and **4)** ensure that the continued presence of Sandhill Cranes will endure.

**SECTION 3.** To the extent applicable, the Town of Malabar will work with the Town of Grant-Valkaria to develop and incorporate the Florida Sandhill Crane into marketing materials.

**SECTION 4.** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**SECTION 5.** All resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict with this resolution.

**SECTION 6.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

This Resolution was moved for adoption by Council Member Ball. The motion was seconded by Council Member Vail and, upon being put to a vote; the vote was as follows:

- Council Member Grant Ball      Aye
- Council Member Brian Vail      Aye
- Council Member Steve Rivet      Aye
- Council Member Dick Korn      Aye
- Council Member Danny White      Aye

This Resolution was then declared to be duly passed and adopted this 20th day May 2019.

**TOWN OF MALABAR**

By:

ATTEST:

original signed  
Mayor Patrick T. Reilly, Council Chair

Debby Franklin  
Debby Franklin, C.M.C.  
Town Clerk/Treasurer



(seal)

Approved as to Form and Content:

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